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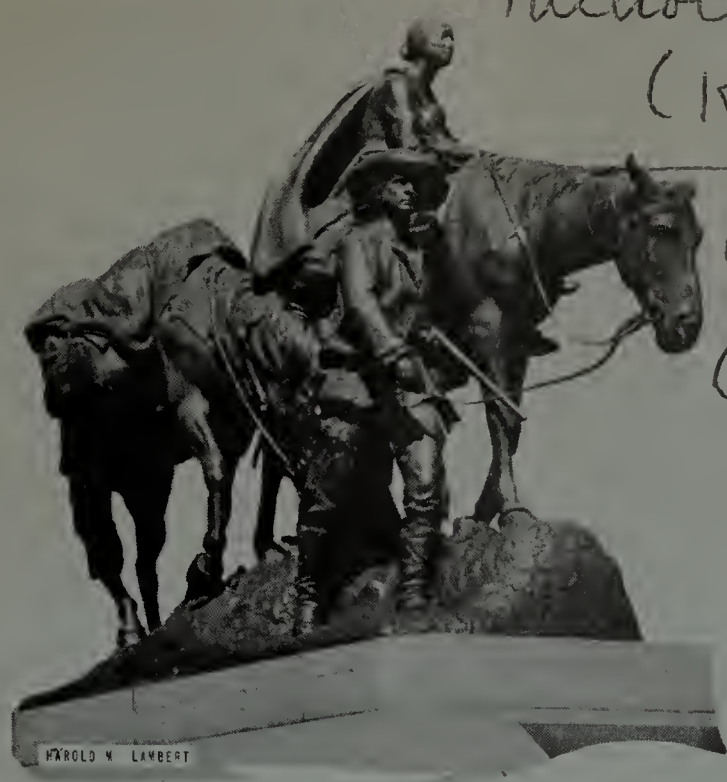

The Pioneering OF TWO Families AND WHAT CAME OF IT

INTRODUCTION

The story which appears in these pages reaches back some 125 years. It is a record of pioneering and of growth worthy of the sturdy men and women, whose memory the writer hopes to keep alive among those who make up their progeny, and who number not less than 2000 souls.

The decision to set down this record did not arise from an "itch" to break into print. Like most decisions it hangs together with a set of circumstances, which more or less naturally led to the conclusion that we of today owe it to those who have gone before, to perpetuate the memory of our forefathers.

Holy Scripture tells us that "the fame of tomorrow's doings will be forgotten by the men of a later time." (Eccles. I, II--Knox version) Anyone who undertakes to write up the genealogy of a family has ample evidence of this tendency in human nature, seeing how readily the events of recent date escape our memory. And yet, there isn't a man living who can afford to be indifferent to the fact that--before long--he will be quite forgotten.

This then, is the aim I have in mind, that the memory of our forefathers should be held sacred by those who owe to them--not only life and health--but a good name as well, together with the heritage of Christian culture and the preciousness of a Catholic up-bringing.

And just as the decision to undertake this task was due to circumstances, so likewise the plan, which underlies this task developed as time went on. And so, the first portion of this book will be devoted to the story of the coming of the pioneers; and after that the genealogy of the families down to the latest arrival, will follow.

It is unnecessary--as well as impossible--to say how many hours and days have gone into the completion of this project. Suffice it to say that all of eight months have elapsed from the time of its inception until the story was ready for the printer.

When all is said, this record resulted from the efforts of many persons, all of whom contributed a share of the information presented in these pages. This explains not only repetitions, which do occur--it is likewise affected the volume as well as the texture of the contents.

The reader may observe certain reflections which are interspersed in the pages. They are thoughts which occured to the writer as he gathered together the various threads of the story, such as reflections on the priesthood and on religious vocation. If no other reward comes to the writer he feels amply repaid for his toil because he sees the hand of Divine Providence working among his people, as indeed it is at work among all men.

A word on "FILL-INS" may be in place. It is customary today to utilize valuable space where a sizable part of a page would otherwise remain blank by "borrowing" thoughts which are worthy of remembrance and inserting them as "fill-ins" for the reader's benefit. That is the reason for inserting them like golden nuggets where space permits.

Lastly, I wish to say a very sincere "THANK YOU" to everyone who has given of his time and talent to assist in gathering the information contained in these pages. I thank in particular my relatives, who have shown such keen interest in seeing this job through, and who went out of their way to furnish from their store of memories what has greatly enhanced the HISTORY of our forefathers. If the same interest...lives on in the growing generations it would be reasonable to think that those who come after us will "take time by the forelock" and will not wait until they themselves are old, before beginning to gather such data as will continue to keep alive the memory of the past.

Thanks are due also to those who assisted in typing the story and the record and also to those who proof-read the copy. And I am truly beholden to those who made possible the multigraphing of what is here presented, be it by monetary contribution to defray expenses or through service that was highly appreciated.

(CYPRIAN ABLER, O. F. M. CAP.)

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometime lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Author unknown

HISTORY

The data, set down in these pages for the evaluation of those who come after us have been gathered in order to keep alive the memory of our forefathers. At this late date it is quite certain that to their great-grandchildren at least, they have become more or less legendary.

This fact became clear to the writer when the 75th birthday of the oldest surviving great-grandson, (Philip N. Abler) was being celebrated by his family and near relatives on January 10, 1959. As was natural enough, the past came up as a topic of conversation and the younger generation felt prompted to ask questions concerning the early days of the history of the family, questions which could not be answered off-hand with accuracy and which, nevertheless, deserved an answer.

From these preliminaries the resolve took shape to preserve at least the data which could be ascertained by means of official records, such as baptismal records, marriage records and death records, especially those at Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, and at St. John's Church, Johnsburg. But this proved to be only an initial step in the lengthy process of finding the pertinent facts.

The more we asked questions, the more we regretted having waited until this late hour before we saw the good of preserving records. However, if the labor which we have to put into gathering these data will persuade those who come after us to be more alert and alive to the fact that every one is making history and that history should be recorded, the labor will have been worthwhile.

Beginning then with the early settlers who came to establish a home in Wisconsin, we find a story of adventure on either side of the family tree, i.e., the family of Nicholas Abler, who arrived in the wilds of Wisconsin in 1847, and the family of Christian Stephany, who came upon the scene less than ten years later, i.e., in 1855, the year in which he emigrated, settling in Taycheedah a year or two thereafter.

It is natural for us to ask: What induced our forebears to leave Europe in order to come to America? Did they find what they sought? Did they believe it was worth their while to do what they did? To each of these questions the answer is one of hope and assurance, nay of proud achievement.

There is no secret about the motives which induced our forebears to pull up roots in the homeland and to seek opportunity in the LAND OF PROMISE, for they were actuated by the same hope with which they had seen dozens of their relatives and acquaintances say GOODBYE to home and country. More precisely, the Catholics in Germany were glad to be rid of the evil consequences of the "KULTURKAMPF" as well as the system of compulsory military training, which perpetuated the military state. Add to this the undeniable fact that poverty held sway in the homeland and that the people entertained small hope of seeing their conditions of life improve, for the hand of the State lay heavily upon them--and the reasoning of these early settlers becomes clear.

It should be added that in leaving Europe these people did not only seek better living conditions, but also freedom from religious persecution.

These circumstances made it comparatively easy for them to relinquish hearth and home for all time with no intention of returning. They appreciated the education they had received and the culture to which they had been heirs, but their faces were set towards the setting sun, where OPPORTUNITY beckoned. Their thoughts were of the future and so it is understandable that they "forgot" the past. We who knew and often listened to our grandparents may have wondered why they were more or less "monosyllabic" when we plied them with questions concerning Europe, but today their actions are no longer mystifying.

So far as memory serves this writer, those early settlers knew perfectly well that "going to America" was not the pleasure trip we now associate with travel to and from Europe. For they crossed the ocean via sail-boats, which meant a slow voyage of not less than three weeks on the water; more often than not it took considerably longer. Judging from the records of similar voyages, most of the passengers travelled steerage and furnished their own meals and other accommodations, as they headed for New York. More than likely, the trip from New York to Chicago by train meant at least another tiresome week, and it would not surprise this writer if he were told that it was just a matter of following the routine when settlers bought one or two yoke of oxen in Chicago, loaded their meagre belongings on a wagon and proceeded by slow stages northward into Wisconsin. So it was done by others and there is no reason to think our forebears were different. In the case of our grandfather Stephany, it is known that for a number of years he was content to use a team of oxen and thought nothing of bringing his family to church on Sundays in this "proud conveyance."

Upon arriving at their destination--Nicholas Abler and family near Mt. Calvary and Grandpa Stephany some three miles east of Johnsburg--these hardy pioneers found that missionaries had preceded them in braving dangers and hardships. Father George Rehrl, one of these men of destiny, had been on hand for some years and it was he who functioned at the wedding of Catholics, baptized their infants and buried their dead in the capacity of pastor; but in reality he was a roaming missionary and in no sense a resident pastor, for it was a matter of being here today and gone tomorrow.

Considering the fact that he wandered over miles and miles of trackless regions to bring the consolations of the Catholic religion to young and old by administering the Sacraments, it would be expecting the impossible if one hoped to find neatly written records. A brief glance over these records, which are preserved in the archives of Holy Cross parish, located in the friary by the same name, shows that his wanderings took him from Green Bay to the north, to Sheboygan to the south, and from Fond du Lac to parts near and far. Thus, we find the following names in irregular sequence: Byron, Eden, Green Bay, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Johnsburg, Sheboygan, Oceola, Marytown, Dotyville--then known as "Jesus in the Desert', and others.

Great-grandfather Nicholas Abler was born in 1800. He was married a number of years when he undertook his transatlantic voyage with "bag and baggage."

His youngest child was some six months old at the time, and his oldest daughter, Margaret, had been married to Nicholas Walgenbach by 1849. This fact can be deduced from the record of Baptism of a child, which was baptized in Holy Cross Church on July 19, 1849, by Father Rehrl, with Peter Abler and Anna Mary Arenz acting as sponsors. The infant's name was Anna Maria Walgenbach. It may be of interest to note that 95 baptisms are recorded for 1849. Only God knows how many would have been added to sum up the total number of baptisms administered by Father Rehrl in the course of the year.

Let no one find fault with these pioneers for not having kept a diary of events. They were not aware that they were making history; they were, however, keenly aware of and bent on making a living in the New World. And the more they saw Opportunity open up her arms, the more willing were they to forget the past. Were it not for the fact that missionary priests were on hand to serve their spiritual needs and to offer church services, the records just would not exist. As it was, the nearness of the priest meant not only such haphazard services as are recorded, but also education and leadership, which is proper to the priest's calling.

Coming back to the record of events, the earliest wedding within the relationship which this writer found, tells of the fact that PETER ABLER, the son of Nicholas Abler and Elizabeth Kreiser, entered marriage with Anna Maria Becker, the daughter of Nicholas Becker and Catherine Emerichs, in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, with Peter Krons and Lawrence Emerichs as witnesses, and Father George Rehrl the officiating priest. In this same entry it is stated that Peter Abler was 26 years of age and Anna M. Becker was 23. Also, that Peter Abler was born in Muellehbach, district of Kochem and the region of Coblenz in Germany. His bride was born in Daun, Kreis Trier. This wedding took place on April 9, 1856.

For the information of the reader it should be remembered that originally the little log church on the Mount was named St. Nicholas Church. The change to HOLY CROSS CHURCH took place by direction of Archbishop Henni on June 25, 1853, as appears over the signature of Father Rehrl.

Peter Abler, Grandpa Abler's older brother, was therefore born in 1830, and was between 16 and 17 years of age when he arrived in America. By deduction from the entries in the books one can ascertain how old our grandfather was when he stepped ashore in New York.

While the genealogy of our "tribe" will be listed in its entirety further down -- at least as far as it can be ascertained -- it will be of interest to observe here that the second wedding recorded in our immediate relationship was that of Grandpa John Abler and Grandma Mary Catherine Wagner, the daughter of Nicholas Wagner and Catherine Thelen, on April 17, 1859, in Holy Cross Church, with Nicholas Abler and Peter Wagner acting as witnesses before Father Francis Haas, O. F. M. Cap., then pastor. The birthday of Grandpa Abler is given as January 18, 1832, and that of Grandma as April 1, 1833, with the region of Coblenz named as the place of origin.

Memory can play tricks on a man as appears many times over and is evident from daily experience. Similarly, it did appear to this writer for years that our Grandpa Stephany must have been older than any of the sons or daughters of Nicholas Abler, our great-grandfather. He probably was a few years senior to Peter Abler, but no more. For--again through the process of deduction--it appears that he was born in 1826, while Peter Abler was born in 1830. Here is the inscription of the marriage data of Grandpa Christian Stephany and Margaret Halfmann, in St. John's Church, Johnsburg, as appears in the Johnsburg record: The date is given as February 9, 1859, and the witnesses: John Stephany and John Wagner, Father Rehrl officiating. Grandfather's birthplace was given as DREIS, in Rhenish Prussia, and his bride's birthplace was BRUCHHAUSEN.

We owe it to our pastors in Mt. Calvary and Johnsburg that we are able to piece together the loose ends of this story which, to us at least, is quite important. Church law requires that Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths should be recorded in official registers. In addition to such records it is not unusual to find among priests, especially among religious priests, such as have not only the ability but also the leisure time to write books. Thanks to this leaning, the history of Mt. Calvary and its neighborhood can be found in print. It is from one such book, viz., DIE GESCHICHTE VON MT. CALVARY, by the Reverend Corbinian Vieracker, O. F. M. Cap., that we have certain knowledge concerning the year in which our forebears arrived.

In the case of the writer of a book, one may presume that the author was not satisfied with what he could gather from hear-say and that he must have made certain of his statements before permitting them to go into print. The same cannot be said always when it is a matter of recording what was handed down by word of mouth from one generation to another. This is not impugning the truthfulness of those who lived a hundred years ago, but it is merely a case of a story growing and accumulating additions through repetition. Who doesn't recall stories of hunters or fishermen which prove the assertion?

For this reason this writer desires to present only what he actually is certain of. And so he must admit that he can add little to the personal story of our great-grandfather beyond this meagre record, which is pieced together from the combined recollection of the generation which may or should be called the third generation after the coming of the pioneers. From hearing and overhearing the conversation of our elders we were able to gather information concerning the kind of homesteads our forefathers established. We know that what we were told was true, because we saw with our own eyes those homesteads on the side of the ABLER clan as well as of the STEPHANY clan.

Briefly, Peter Abler took up residence in Empire township, some five miles east of Fond du Lac. Matt Abler and his family remained closest to the original site of the first "beach-head" and it may even be the self-same spot that he occupied after marrying in 1863. Our Grandfather, John Abler, selected a site some 60 acres to the north of his brother Matt. Probably he owned some 60 acres of land, which spelled no small property in those days. But it must be admitted that Grandpa Abler never had his heart in farming, and he accepted his lot as a farmer philosophically.

It may be significant that none of his sons or daughters remained on the farm, nor is any of his grandsons today actually a farmer. In the end, i.e., around 1896, he sold his farm and came to reside in the village of Mt. Calvary. He lived to the ripe old age of 81 years. The day of death was October 28, 1912. Mary Margaret, his wife, must have favored his transfer from the farm to the village, for she made it a practice to assist at daily Mass "on the hill", as often as possible. Even while still on the farm she made it a practice of going--or running, if you will--the distance of three miles to her parish church on Saturdays. Invariably, she was back home by seven o'clock, and only God knows under how many fences she crawled and how many fields she crossed to shorten the way. God called her to her reward at the age of 71, on November 25, 1905.

An experienced eye can readily note sharp lines of demarcation in families. They stand out in the sturdy character of pioneers and make for wholesome differences in the families of our Grandparents on both sides. Grandpa Abler leaned toward a sociable existance, but Grandpa Stephany always was and remained a lover of rural life, i.e. farm life, and his farm showed what kind of farmer he was. As growing boys, we were in admiration of his sturdy character and his unwavering stability, which accounts for that balanced judgment for which he was known to all his neighbors. And not only to his neighbors, but to the developing community as well. If tradition by word of mouth is reliable and in line with facts, Grandpa Stephany filled the office of justice-of-the-peace for a number of years.

His farm was always well-ordered and well equipped. One could follow the progress of American inventions by observing Grandpa's farm. From a team of oxen to a team of three horses and from the use of the hand-sickle to the cradle and from the cradle to the reaper and the binder, and even a threshing machine: this was the story of Grandpa Stephany's life. Even to this day, the sturdy house of stone, which he built in his prime, stands as a monument to his stability, testifying to the character of the man.

This writer recollects the day on which Theresa, Grandpa Stephany's youngest daughter, was given in marriage to Anthony Lefeber in 1896. The writer was a lad of nine years at the time. On that occasion--it was on January 14th, the guests stayed overnight at Grandpa's house. During the early hours of the evening, there was dancing and merry-making to the tune of Uncle Peter's fiddling and we, i.e. two brothers and myself were permitted to watch for a while. This simple fact sticks to memory for the reason that the three of us had ample room on the window sill, which was 24 inches deep, the thickness of the stone wall. It was the "end of a perfect day."

Grandpa Stephany lived to see 78 years and four months. He died on May 14, 1907. Grandma Stephany survived him by five years and when the Lord called her to her reward on December 30, 1912, she was 83 years old. Our cousin, John Stephany, once remarked on Grandma Stephany's outlook as a pioneer, when he related how she expressed her satisfaction over the fact that Grandpa Stephany was laid to rest amid the trees in St. John Cemetery. She stated laconically: "ALL OUR LIFE WE SPENT LIVING IN THE WOODS, AND SO WE ARE ALSO BURIED IN THE WOODS."

It stands to reason that the story of Grandpa Stephany differs from that of Grandpa Abler. For one, it is more quickly told, since he constitutes the first generation, where Grandpa Abler is of the second generation. It follows therefore, that the Abler "tribe" is considerably more numerous, having a good head-start to begin with. And then too, the generations are a bit unequal in size. The difference between the totals in one family as against those in the other, is considerable. Add to this that the second generation in the Abler family numbered nine persons, while in the Stephany family there was one man and four women. Besides Uncle Peter Stephany was born in 1860, while Margaret, the first-born in the Abler family, was born not later than 1825.

No attempt is being made to minimize the difficulty of reaching back a hundred years to ascertain the names of relatives who finished their course before most of those now living began their earthly sojourn. This has special application in the case of the second generation, i.e. the children of Nicholas and Elizabeth Abler; and it may be added, it is more easy to understand this situation in the case of our Great-aunts for evident reasons.

Who doesn't know from observation that--once a girl is settled in married life--her personality is absorbed, not to say, submerged, in her new family surroundings, and so it happens that in one or two generations no further contacts are maintained with cousins, be they first, second or third cousins. This situation is even more apt to develop, if and when the choice of a life-partner involved considerable distances; for under the circumstances, no attempt is made to preserve contacts.

It should also be remembered that our forefathers lived in an age, which to us appears to ante-date the horse-and-buggy age--a time, when a 15-mile trip would not be undertaken without considerable planning and preparation. This writer can clearly recall that a trip to Fond du Lac--less than 15 miles from Mt. Calvary--was a real "event", which occured not more than twice annually. And weren't we thrilled at the sight of Lake Winnebago as we neared "the big town" coming down the ledge road at Peebles!!! How elated we were when a stranger would greet our father with: "HELLO, MATT!"; for it meant that he was recognized by acquaintances amid a world of strangers. Needless to say, we were agog at the hustle and bustle of city life, the clatter of horses' hoofs on streets paved with nothing more modern than ordinary cedar blocks.

Such reminiscing may help the reader to understand how it could happen that to a generation with a limited horizon, records meant little. The truth is that--apart from the records of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, which were kept by the missionaries and resident pastors, there just weren't any records I daresay, until the turn of the century or thereabouts. And so it cannot surprise a thinking man if he has to admit an impasse, when he attempts to reach back into the dim "long-ago" since the facts have escaped even those who have lived three score years or more.

Let us therefore begin at the beginning, namely the brief story of our Great-grandfather, Nicholas Abler and his worthy consort Elizabeth, nee Kreiser. From entries in the marriage records of Father George Rehrl, the missionary priest of those pioneering days, it is clear and practically the great majority of those early settlers came from the Rhineland, and more precisely from the region of Coblenz, not a great distance from Cologne (Koeln) and our folks came from the same district.

Great-grandfather Nicholas Abler was born not later than 1800. This vague assertion derives from the fact that it is impossible to make certain of the year beyond what memory holds. This writer made a trip to Mt. Calvary Cemetery, where our people are buried and he found a stone marker recording the birth and death of Elizabeth Abler as 1801 and May 1, 1875 respectively, but Great-grandfather's marker was no longer standing. But a diligent search of the cemetery records showed that he died in 1878. It seems legitimate, therefore, to conclude that he was born not later than 1800 and reached the age of 78 years.

In those pioneering days people were accustomed to good-sized families, and our great-grandparents, like all others, looked on a large family as a blessing. But even so, it required more than ordinary courage for the parents of four boys and five girls to determine on a transatlantic voyage in 1847; for it was not only a matter of reckoning the cost, but also of facing the hardships--nay dangers--of such a journey for grown-ups and children, including a six month old baby. But these are the facts and they speak for themselves.

Great-grandfather Abler must have been a man of 47 years when he crossed the ocean; his wife 46. The oldest daughter was a young married woman and the youngest child a babe in arms.

From the parish records of Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary we know that Margaret was the oldest of the children and also that she was married before 1845. It is of record that Elizabeth Walgenbach, daughter of Nicholas and Margaret Walgenbach, was married to Mathias J. Hennen, in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, on October 27, 1863. If Elizabeth was only 18 years at the time of her marriage, she was born in 1845. Hence Nicholas Walgenbach and Margaret Abler were married before coming to America in 1847. A second daughter of Margaret, Anna Maria, was baptized in Holy Cross Church on June 16, 1849.

These conclusions were corroborated by the death record. Both Nicholas and Margaret Walgenbach (nee Abler) died in 1896. The day of death of Nicholas is given as June 16; that of Margaret as November 24, 1896. Nicholas had reached the age of 76 and Margaret 71. Hence the years of birth were 1820 and 1825 respectively.

The unusually large number of the descendants of Nicholas and Margaret Walgenbach (nee Abler) calls for more than one sub-division in recording their genealogy if we are to prevent confusion in the reader's mind. It should not surprise anyone who recalls what has been adverted to repeatedly in the course of this narrative, viz., that Margaret came to America with a small family of her own. She was, therefore, at least 21 years older than Frank, her youngest brother and at least one generation ahead of several members of her family. Thus we can observe even today, e.g. that Mrs. Kate Schmidlkofer (nee Hennen) who is of the IV generation is senior to Ven. Sr. M. Levina, S.S.N.D. (daughter of John Abler) who is of the III generation.

This should make it clear that the family of Walgenbachs and descendants is by far the largest branch of this good-sized family tree.

And it must not be forgotten that--once we come to the VII generation, as we do in this instance--the number of cousins increases in the same proportion. All this makes it necessary to sub-divide our lists for the sake of clearness.

Judging from the information gathered to date, it will be possible to list all the names of the descendants of great-grandfather Abler's sons and daughters on one or two pages, excepting the descendants of Margaret Walgenbach (nee Abler) and our grandfather, John Abler.

After listing the generations of the family of Grandpa Christian Stephany we shall approach the task of listing the members of the families of the second generation of Ablers according to seniority, viz. Margaret, Mathias, Peter, John, Sophia, Barbara, Elizabeth, Christine and Frank Abler.

The reader will agree, I am sure, that it would be tedious to record all the details, no matter how interesting, such as baptisms, etc. in every case. Apart from the fact that in many instances it would be impossible to ascertain those details, it seems a sensible conclusion to restrict our listing to naming all those whose names have been sent in to the writer.

Nevertheless, a departure from the accepted sequence is necessary in the case of the Walgenbachs because of the large number of descendents in that family, namely a total of 836.

And because the members of the family of John Abler went to the trouble of listing the dates of birth and baptism these details are also presented with a view of setting an example for future generations.

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We now come to the recording of the names of those who make up the genealogy of the two PIONEERING FAMILIES, viz. the offspring of:

N I C H O L A S A B L E R & E L I Z A B E T H K R E I S E R

as well as the descendents of:

C H R I S T I A N S T E P H A N Y & M A R G A R E T H A L F M A N N

And because the genealogy of the family of Christian Stephany was in the hands of the writer by April 18, 1959 and ready for publication it is understandable that it is first in line. Then too, since the writer's mother, Catherine Stephany, is the link between the two Pioneering Families through her marriage with Mathias Abler, it follows that the offspring of this marriage, numbering 218 souls, may - and it should be added - to the 220 souls, which are the offspring of CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY as herein enumerated, and therefore, we put on record the genealogy of PETER, ELIZABETH, GERTRUDE and THERESA STEPHANY and their descendents, totalling 220 souls.

NICHOLAS ABLER
Born in 1800, died 1878

ELIZABETH ABLER, nee Kreiser
Born 1801, died 1875

MATHIAS AND CATHERINE ABLER, nee STEPHANY

Mathias Abler, oldest son of JOHN and MARY MARGARET ABLER, was born on Aug. 20, 1860 and lived to see 85 years. At the age of 23 he married Catherine Stephany in the church of St. John the Baptist, Johnsburg, Wisconsin. Mother was born Oct. 31, 1863, not more than two miles from Father's home. In the course of the 61 years of their married life they probably moved seven times, but never more than three miles at a time. They last moved in 1896. Not until they had observed the 50th Anniversary of their wedded life did they make a trip beyond the borders of Wisconsin. This trip was a three-weeks-vacation to New York, made possible by kind friends.

Father died on May 14, 1946, to be followed by Mother on Aug. 28, 1948.

While Father was being waked Mother remarked: "Even after you have lived with a man for more than 60 years, you miss him very much when he dies." While she survived Father bv two years, her interest in life was gone.

The FAMILY of CHRISTIAN STEPHANY

From left to right, seated: Christian Stephany, Margaret Stephany, nee Halfmann, Peter Stephany.
Standing: Elizabeth, Catherine, Gertrude, Theresa Stephany.

After that the families of the sons and daughters of NICHOLAS AND ELIZABETH ABLER will be listed according to seniority, namely: MARGARET ABLER WALGENBACH, MATT, PETER, JOHN, SOPHIA ABLER ODENBRETT, BARBARA ABLER HARTZHEIM, ELIZABETH ABLER BIEGEL, CHRISTINE ABLER REICHLING and FRANK ABLER.

At this point it seems very appropriate to evaluate the magnitude of the progeny, with which we are here concerned and, therefore, the total number of souls to be reported for the respective families are here tabulated as follows:

STEPHANY PETER & CATHERINE WAGNER	- 77 descendants
STEPHANY ELIZABETH & JOHN RIEDER	- 43 descendants
STEPHANY GERTRUDE & WILLIAM WAGNER	- 18 descendants
STEPHANY THERESA & ANTON LEFEBER	- 75 descendants
ABLER MARGARET & NICHOLAS WALGENBACH	- 836 descendants
ABLER MATHIAS & GERTRUDE KASPER	- 273 descendants
ABLER PETER & ANNA MARIA BECKER	- 59 descendants
ABLER JOHN & MARY MARGARET WAGNER	- 253 descendants
ABLER SOPHIA & PHILIP ODENBRETT	- 99 descendants
ABLER BARBARA & FRANK HARTZHEIM	- 96 descendants
ABLER ELIZABETH & PETER BIEGEL	- 202 descendants
ABLER CHRISTINE & ANTON REICHLING	- 76 descendants
ABLER FRANK & AMALIA BODDEN	- 34 descendants
TOTAL NUMBER	2141 descendants

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Only A Small Part

Heaven is liberation - being freed from all trials and pains and sorrows. While we live, we feel in our soul the endless struggle of the flesh against the spirit; passions that plague us, thoughts that trouble us, desires that torment us, remorse for the past, disgust for the present, worry for the future. In our body we experience pain, weakness, disease, the fatigue of toil, the anguish of poverty. We meet disasters, losses, betrayal of friendship. But in heaven, the Holy Spirit tells us by the pen of St. John, there shall be an end to all these things: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and death shall be no more; nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more." Even if heaven were nothing more than this - salvation from eternal ruin and liberation from all pains and sorrows - what a great blessing it would be!

(THE GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY) I. Generation

I. Generation: CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY, nee HALFMANN

II. Generation: The children of

CHRISTIAN STEPHANY & MARGARET HALFMANN (2 boys, 8 girls)

(1) PETER; (2) ELIZABETH; (3) CATHERINE; (4) GERTRUDE; (5) ANNA; (6) JOHN;

(7) MARY; (8) MAGDALEN;(9) ANNA; (10) THERESA

NOTE: Of the children born of this marriage five grew up to adulthood, viz., Peter, Elizabeth, Catherine, Gertrude and Theresa. The register of Baptisms in St. John Church, Johnsburg, records the birth, baptism and death of Anna (July 21, 27, and September 15, 1870 respectively). Also of John (June 25, June 26, and August 10, 1872). The names of Mary, Magdalen and Anna were discovered in the library of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and are presumed to be factual for that reason.

The five children, who died in infancy are to be added to the total of the family of CHRISTIAN STEPHANY, viz. 220 souls.

Since the writer took the trouble to copy the marriage data of Grandpa Stephany, as well as of his son and his daughters, it would be a pity not to give to posterity what required so much time and effort in gathering together. Here then, is the record taken from the register of marriages in the Church of St. John, Johnsburg, Wisconsin:

CHRISTIAN STEPHANY, born in Dreis, Rhenisch Prussia, married MARGARET HALFMANN born in Bruchhausen on February 9, 1858.

MATHIAS ABLER & CATHERINE STEPHANY on April 17, 1883, with John Stollenwerk and Elizabeth Stephany acting as witnesses.

PETER STEPHANY & MARY CATHERINE WAGNER on February 10, 1887 with James Wagner and Elizabeth Stephany as witnesses.

JOHN RIEDER & ELIZABETH STEPHANY on January 10, 1888 with Nicholas Rieder and Gertrude Stephany as witnesses.

WILLIAM WAGNER & GERTRUDE STEPHANY on November 20, 1890, with Fred Wagner and Theresa Stephany as witnesses.

ANTHONY LEFEBER & THERESA STEPHANY on January 14, 1896, with Stephen Lefeber and Margaret Halfmann as witnesses.

The Rev. Julius Hellweger, for many years pastor of the parish, officiated at each of the above weddings, excepting that of Grandpa Stephany.

(GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY)

The family of P E T E R S T E P H A N Y - II. Generation:

PETER STEPHANY

III. Generation: - The children of

" PETER STEPHANY & MARY C. WAGNER (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (1) JOHN, (2) EMMA, (3) ALOYS, (4) IRMINA

" IV. Generation: - The children of

" (1) JOHN STEPHANY & DOROTHY BREISTER (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Monica, (b) Laurence, (c) Ralph, (d) Raymond (e) Valeria,

" (f) Richard, (g) Mary Frances (S T E P H A N Y)

" (2) EMMA STEPHANY & JOHN CREIGHTON (1 girl)

" (a) Mary Ann (C R E I G H T O N)

" (3) ALOYS STEPHANY & ELEANORE DIEDRICH (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) George, (b) Angeline, (c) Lorraine (S T E P H A N Y)

" (4) IRMINA STEPHANY & FRANK KRAUS (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Alice, (b) Andrew, (c) Harvey, (d) Gerald (K R A U S)

" V. Generation: - The children of

" (1.a) MONICA STEPHANY & JOSEPH KIERSTEN (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (aa.) Joseph (bb) Jean, (cc) Judy, (dd) Jacqueline, (ee) James (K I E R S T E N)

" (1.b) LAURENCE STEPHANY & MARY SIPPEL (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Patricia, (bb) Gary, (cc) Sharon, (dd) Lorna (S T E P H A N Y)

" (1.c) RALPH STEPHANY & ADELINE ROEHRIG (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Roseann, (bb) Michael, (cc) Ronald, (dd) Catherine

" (ee) Stephen (S T E P H A N Y)

" (1.d) RAYMOND STEPHANY & VERNETTE SIPPEL (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Robert, (bb) William, (cc) Kathleen, (dd) Peter, (ee) Joan (S T E P H A N Y)

(GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN & MARGARET STEPHANY)

PETER STEPHANY - II Generation:

" V. Generation (continued)

" (1.e) VALERIA STEPHANY & RAYMOND WAGNER (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) John, (bb) Daniel, (cc) Susan, (dd) Mary Rose, (ee) Raymond,

" (ff) Joseph (W A G N E R)

" (1.f) RICHARD STEPHANY & VALERIA BUECHEL (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Janet, (bb) Patrick, (cc) Kenneth (S T E P H A N Y)

" (1.g) MARY FRANCES STEPHANY & FRANCIS ABLER (2 girls)

" (aa) Theresa Lou, (bb) Lynette (A B L E R)

" (2.a) MARY ANN CREIGHTON & JOHN GERUT (2 girls)

" (aa) Mary Kay, (bb) Grace Ann (G E R U T)

" (3.a) GEORGE STEPHANY & CAROLINE KRUG (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Diane, (bb) Mary Jane (cc) Daniel), (dd) Thomas (S T E P H A N Y)

" (3.b) ANGELINE STEPHANY & WILFRED KORE (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Patricia, (bb) Paul (K O R E)

" (3.c) LORRAINE STEPHANY & AMBROSE CASPER (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Ronald, (bb) Judy (C A S P E R)

" (4.a) ALICE KRAUS & ALVIN BUHL (None as yet)

The family of Peter Stephany numbers 76 souls.

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The following letter to a teen-ager appeared recently in a local parish bulletin: "Always we hear the spoiled, plaintive cry of the teen-ager: "WHAT CAN WE DO? WHERE CAN WE GO?."

Here are some suggestions: Go home! Paint the woodwork, mow the lawn, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub the floor, repair the sink, build a boat, get a job. Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your community does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talent. Help your pastor. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. And when you are through - and not too tired - read a book.

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(GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN & MARGARET STEPHANY)

ELIZABETH STEPHANY - The family of E L I Z A B E T H S T E P H A N Y
II. Generation

" III. Generation: - The children of

" ELIZABETH STEPHANY & JOHN RIEDER (2 boys, 4 girls)

" (1) ALBERT, (2) CATHERINE, (3) EDWARD, (4) BELLE, (5) MARTINE,

" who died in infancy, (6) SALOME (R I E D E R)

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (1) ALBERT RIEDER & ERMA SCHROEDER (2 girls)

" (a) Helen, (b) Catherine (R I E D E R)

" (3) EDWARD RIEDER & FRANCES BREISTER (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Winnifred (b) Roland (R I E D E R)

" (4) BELLE RIEDER & PAUL BREISTER (4 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) David, (b) Rosemary, (c) John, (d) Thomas, (e) Daniel
(B R E I S T E R)

" (6) SALOME RIEDER & EDGAR WIRIG (1 boy)

" (a) John (W I R I G)

NOTE: (2) CATHERINE RIEDER entered the convent as a Dominican Nun, taking the name of SR. M. LUELLEN O.P. (8/4/29)

" V. Generation: - the children of

" (1.a) HELEN RIEDER AND RAY CHRIST (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Raymond, (bb) Elizabeth Catherine (C H R I S T)

" (1.b) CATHERINE RIEDER & DOUGLAS CONNELL (1 girl)

" (aa) Jeanne Marie (C O N N E L L)

" (3.a) WINNIFRED RIEDER & RUSSELL FONTANNA (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Thomas, (bb) Anne Elizabeth (F O N T A N N A)

" (3.b) ROLAND RIEDER & MARVEL FAUSCH (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) David, (bb) John, (cc) Mary Lynn, (dd) Carol Anne (R I E D E R)

(GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY)

ELIZABETH STEPHANY: II. Generation:

" V. Generation (Continued)

" (4.a) DAVID BREISTER & SYLVIA RANIECZEWSKI (None)

" (4.b) ROSEMARY BREISTER & HENRY PATMOUR, who fell in World War II. (None)

" (4.c) JOHN BREISTER & VERA PITTSLEY (2 girls)

" (aa) Patricia, (bb) Carol (B R E I S T E R)

" (4.d) THOMAS BREISTER & LOIS SCHULTE (None)

" (4.e) DANIEL BREISTER & JANET KRAUSE (1 boy)

" (aa) Robert (B R E I S T E R)

The family of Elizabeth Stephany numbers 43 souls.

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Non-Catholics and Our Lady

Truth will change any human mind, if you can get it in. And supernatural truth, even more. That is why I believe that non-Catholics are particularly drawn by mention of the Blessed Mother; she is the figure most apt to draw them to the Church today. For she is ours alone. They don't want to hear about the things we Catholics share with the world about us; they aren't terribly drawn if we tell them that we, too, think well of the Sermon on the Mount, along with Dr. Fosdick.

They want to hear about the things that make Catholicism Catholic - which we have that nobody else can offer. Of the Blessed Mother. The Blessed Mother is the Gate of Heaven and the Cause of Our Joy and the Mediatrix of All Graces. She is the compelling figure in every conversion. Look back to the history of European converts - Huysmans, Verlaine, Chesterton - and you will find that they wrote poems to her, twelve or fifteen years before they took instructions; they wrote poetry to her before they believed in her. Entrust your converts to her; tell them of her theology, her apparitions, her miracles, and she will win their souls.

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(GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY)

Gertrude Stephany: II. Generation

The family of G E R T R U D E S T E P H A N Y

" III. Generation: - The children of

" GERTRUDE STEPHANY & WILLIAM WAGNER (4 boys, 2 girls)

" (1) AMANDA, (2) EDWARD, (3) OLIVE, (4) GREGORY, (5) CLAUDIUS,

" (6) ERNST (W A G N E R)

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (2) EDWARD WAGNER & ELLA DEWITZ (2 girls)

" (a) Lorraine, (b) Leona (W A G N E R)

" (3) OLIVE WAGNER & ERVIN SPRAGUE (None)

" (5) CLAUDIUS WAGNER & DELLA GUELIG (1 boy)

" (a) Wilmer (W A G N E R)

" V. Generation: - The children of

" (2.a) LORRAINE WAGNER & RALPH ZEMAN (None)

" (5.a) WILMER WAGNER & JOAN PAGE (2 boys)

" (aa) Gary, (bb) Richard William (W A G N E R)

NOTE: AMANDA WAGNER (1) entered St. Agnes Congregation (8/14/12) taking the name SR. M. ILDEFONSE C.S.A. (Died in 1957)

GREGORY (4), ERNST (6), and LEONA (2b) remained single.

The family of GERTRUDE STEPHANY numbers 18 souls.

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Deft Definition

A clock is something they have in an office, so you can tell how late you wish you weren't in the morning, what time to go out for lunch and coffee breaks before, and come back after, and how long before you can start stopping work by stalling until.

- Office Economist

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(GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY)

THERESA STEPHANY II. Generation:

" III. Generation: - The children of:

" THERESA STEPHANY & ANTON LEFEBER (2 boys, 6 girls)

" (1) ODILIA, (2) GERARD, (3) ALEXANDER, (4) ALOIS, who died in

" infancy, (5) CATHERINE, (6) MARCELLA, (7) MARIE, (8) FRANCES,

" (9) MARGARET (L E F E B E R)

" IV. Generation: - The children of

" (1) ODILIA LEFEBER & ALBERT WILL (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Anthony, (b) Catherine, (c) Marie, (d) James, who died in

" an accident 5/2/54) (W I L L)

" (2) GERARD LEFEBER & MARGARET LESSELYONG (2 girls)

" (a) Jean, (b) Catherine (L E F E B E R)

" (3) ALEXANDER LEFEBER & IDA ABLER (4 boys, 6 girls)

" (a) Alexander, Jr., (b) Marion, (c) Rosilia, (e) Rita, (f) Monica,

" (g) Jerome, (h) Stephen, (i) Anthony (j) Carol, (k) Catherine
(L E F E B E R)

" (5) CATHERINE LEFEBER & LOUIS W. SCHMIDT (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Robert, (b) Theresa (S C H M I D T)

" (6) MARCELLA LEFEBER & EDWARD SEIBEL (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Clarence, (b) Edward, (c) Yvonne, (d) Walter (S E I B E L)

" (7) MARIE LEFEBER & GEORGE L. WOLFE (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Bernadette, (b) John, (c) Janice, (d) Michael (W O L F E)

" (8) FRANCES LEFEBER & LEO A. BRAUN (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Marilyn, (b) Wilfred, (c) Barbara, (d) David, (e) Thomas,

" (f) Charles, (g) Beatrice (B R A U N)

" (9) MARGARET LEFEBER & JAMES E. KING (None)

(GENEALOGY OF CHRISTIAN AND MARGARET STEPHANY)

THERESA STEPHANY II. Generation

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (1.b) CATHERINE WILL AND BEN QUELLA (3 boys)

" (aa) Anthony, (bb) Ricky, (cc) Timothy (Q U E L L A)

" (1.c) MARIE WILL & ROBERT HEINZ (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) James, (bb) Julianne, (cc) Joel (H E I N Z)

NOTE: ANTHONY WILL (1.a) became a Capuchin choosing the name FR. DELBERT (8/26/40). Ordained a priest (6/4/47), was given the title VERY REVEREND by BISHOP M. NIEDHAMMER for outstanding mission work in Nicaragua, C.A.

" V. Generation: The children of

" (2.a) JEAN LEFEBER & LYLE POMPLIN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Gary, (bb) Paula (P O M P L I N)

" (2.b) CHARLENE LEFEBER & DAVID SOMMERFELD (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Thomas, (bb) Jill (S O M M E R F E L D)

" (3.b) MARION LEFEBER & PATRICK COSTELLO (1 boy)

" (aa) Patrick John (C O S T E L L O)

" (5.a) ROBERT SCHMIDT & ELDA ZABEL (None)

" (5.b) THERESA SCHMIDT & KENNETH SCHRAUFNAGEL (None)

" (6.a) CLARENCE SEIBEL & LORRAINE DIERINGER (2 boys)

" (aa) Gary Allen, (bb) David Arthur (S E I B E L)

" (6.b) EDWARD SEIBEL & ADELINE WEIGEL (2 girls)

" (aa) Carol Jean, (bb) Debra (S E I B E L)

" (8.a) MARILYN BRAUN & ROGER SIPPEL (None)

The family of Theresa Stephany numbers 75 souls.

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Definition of charm: The ability to make someone else think that both of you are quite wonderful.

"The Liguorian" March, 1959

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THE GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS AND ELIZABETH ABLER

These two then, constitute the

I. G E N E R A T I O N

II. Generation: - The children of

N I C H O L A S A B L E R & E L I Z A B E T H, nee K R E I S E R

"	1.	MARGARET,	born 9/19/1825	died	11/25/1896	- age	71
"	2.	MATT,	born 12/16/1827	died	4/10/1900	- age	73
"	3.	PETER,	born 11/12/1829	died	3/24/1907	- age	77
"	4.	JOHN,	born 1/12/1831	died	10/28/1912	- age	81
"	5.	SOPHIE,	born 6/19/1834	died	3/8/1906	- age	72
"	6.	KARL,	born 3/10/1836	died	10/18/1840	- age	4
"	7.	ANNA BARBARA,	born 2/6/1838	died	3/11/1838	-	
"	8.	ELIZABETH,	born 4/10/1839	died	12/6/1901	- age	62
"	9.	BARBARA,					
"	10.	CHRISTINE,	born 3/12/1843	died	11/5/1912	- age	69
"	11.	FRANK,	born 11/11/1846	died	10/7/1933	- age	87

The above record of births and deaths is the only record which has come to hand and, because the data coincide with the data gathered from church records, it is accepted as correct. The data concerning Barbara and Frank (no. 9 and 11) were supplied by relatives.

The chief reason for adverting to the correctness of this data is to be found in our attempt to ascertain with certainty the maiden name of our great-grandmother. In the above-named record her maiden name is given as "G R E I S E R". But in the hand-written records of Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, it is inscribed as "K R E I S E R." And because it is found in the same spelling several times it is accepted as correct. This, in spite of the impression prevalent among some of us that great-grandmother's maiden name was "A R E N Z." The reason for accepting the written entry in the church record is, that whoever wrote the record was informed by some one who was in the best position to know.

Because practically everyone who reads this is several generations removed from the sons and daughters of our great-grandparents and - in consequence - unfamiliar with their story, except through hear-say, it seems reasonable to place the marriage data of those whose record has

been sent in, side by side at this point, in spite of the fact that they may be adverted to again. For just as we love to make comparisons among the living, so it is understandable - and in no sense odious as among the living, that comparisons be made concerning those who have "finished their course."

Margaret Abler married Nicholas Walgenbach before coming to America. Since there is no evidence to prove that they arrived before or after 1847 it is assumed that they were part of the group accompanying our great-grandparents. However, knowing that their daughter Elizabeth Walgenbach married M. J. Hennen in 1863 it is assumed that the marriage of her parents occurred ca. 1844.

Mathias Abler and Gertrude Kasper (daughter of Mathias Kasper and Gertrude Schadens) in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary on Nov. 24, 1863, with Fr. Francis Haas O.F.M. Cap. officiating.

Peter Abler and Anna Maria Becker (daughter of Nick Becker and Catherine Emmerich) in Holy Cross Church on April 9, 1856, with Peter Krons and Lawrence Emmerich as witnesses and Rev. George Rehr officiating.

John Abler and Mary Margaret Wagner (daughter of Nick Wagner and Mary Thelen) married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary on Nov. 22, 1859, with Nicholas Abler and Peter Wagner as witnesses and Fr. Francis O.F.M. Cap. officiating.

Sophie Abler and Philip Odenbrett were married, presumably in one of Milwaukee's Catholic Churches.

Barbara Abler and Frank Hartzheim were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary on May 3, 1859, with (N) Abler and (N) Gerhartz as witnesses and Fr. Bonaventure O.F.M.Cap. officiating.

Elizabeth Abler and Peter Biegel married in Holy Trinity Church, Milwaukee, on June 28, 1859.

Christine Abler and Anthony Reichling were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary in 1861, with Fr. Francis O.F.M.Cap. officiating.

Frank Abler married Amalia Bodden in St. Gall Catholic Church, Oct. 30, 1877. Witnesses: Michael Bodden and Apollonia Ehrmann.

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The older generation thought nothing of rising daily at 5 o'clock in the morning. The younger generation doesn't think much of it either.

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(THE GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS AND ELIZABETH ABLER)

I.

MARGARET ABLER II. Generation:

III. Generation: - The sons and daughters of

M A R G A R E T A B L E R & N I C H O L A S W A L G E N B A C H

(1) ELIZABETH, who was born in Germany. Married on Oct. 27, 1863.

(2) MATHIAS

(3) ANNA MARIA (baptized in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary on July 22, 1849.

(4) BARBARA

(5) JOHN (who died in childhood - May 18, 1851)

(6) CHRISTIAN (who died in childhood).

(7) SOPHIA (who entered Notre Dame Convent as Sr. Rosebia in 1873).

(8) FRANK

(9) NICHOLAS, who died in infancy.

(10) MARY (who also became a Notre Dame Nun in 1883 - Sr. Frances)

(11) NICHOLAS

(12) PETER JOSEPH (baptized in Mt. Calvary on Jan. 20, 1859.)

(a) In the following pages the record of the above-named sons and daughters of NICHOLAS & MARGARET WALGENBACH will appear in the order of seniority as given here. And because the families are large in most instances, it may be confusing to the reader, the more so, when certain names recur repeatedly.

(b) It is important to observe that each generation can be identified by number or letter. Thus, e.gr. the above-named brothers and sisters are listed by numbers. Their children will be listed under letters; grand-children under double letters such as (aa) or (bb) etc.

(c) For the sake of ready identification, the name of the head of families is printed on the top, left-hand corner of each page and under that name there is printed the name of the son or daughter, or grand-son or grand-daughter listed on that page. By heads of families we understand the sons and daughters of NICHOLAS AND ELIZABETH ABLER and the sons and daughters of CHRISTIAN & MARGARET STEPHANY.

(d) Note likewise, that the listing is not only according to families, but also according to G E N E R A T I O N S.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation: -

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH (daughter) III. Generation:

The family of E L I Z A B E T H W A L G E N B A C H III. Generation

" IV. Generation: - The children of

" ELIZABETH WALGENBACH & MATHIAS J. HENNEN, who were married in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, Holy Cross Church, Oct. 27, 1863.

" (1) MARY, (2) KATE, (3) JOHN, (4) JOSEPH, (5) MATTHEW, (6) FRANCES,

" (7) SUSAN, (8) FRANK, (9) ALBERT (10) ROSE (H E N N E N)

" V. Generation: - The children of

" (1) MARY HENNEN & HENRY ENGELS (1 boy, 2 girls)

(a) Rose, (b) Harry, (c) Della (E N G E L S)

" (2) KATE HENNEN & HENRY FRITZ (2 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Albert, (b) Martha, (c) Isabel, (d) Edward, (e) Eleanore,

" (f) Rose (F R I T Z)

" (3) JOHN HENNEN & MARGARET ANDREW (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (a) Mabel, (b) Annette, (c) Erving, (d) Florence (H E N N E N)

" (4) JOSEPH HENNEN & MATTIE CRAIG (1 girl)

" (a) Rose (H E N N E N)

" (5) MATTHEW HENNEN & MARY SHANK (1 boy)

" (a) Leo (H E N N E N)

" (6) FRANCES HENNEN & ANDREW HUOLIHAN (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Louis, (b) Hilda F., (c) Beau Christian, (d) Irowin Henry,

" (e) Otto, (f) Mary Coletta, (g) Camille (H U O L I H A N)

" (7) SUSAN HENNEN & HENRY LOEHR (9 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Arthur Q., (b) Alfred H., (c) Alexander L., (d) Ambrose A.,

" (e) Vincent J., (f) Joseph E., (g) Henry J., (h) Charles J.,

" (i) Dorothy H., (j) Walter Q., (k) Lucinda M., (l) Martha C.,

" (m) Veronica M. (L O E H R)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH III. Generation (Daughter)

V. Generation (Continued)

" (8) FRANK HENNEN & CLARA BAER (None)

" (9) ALBERT HENNEN & CATHERINE CAROLAN (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Albert Jr., (b) Mary, (c) Raymond, (d) Edward (H E N N E N)

" (10) ROSE HENNEN & DR. CHARLES SKWOR (None)

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Catholic preachers and writers have long been in the habit of lyrically referring to children as God's "gifts" to parents, and there is, no doubt, a substantial amount of thought to back up this viewpoint. But we are inclined to follow instead the viewpoint of a mother who recently explained to us that she rejects the gift idea in favor of looking at her children as a "loan" from God.

Her argument is that the word gift signifies something you can keep, something especially for yourself. A child, however, is really something which must be returned to heaven. Like a loan, the child is yours only temporarily. And in the same way that you must pay interest on a loan, so you must pay interest to our Lord in the form of the time and money and effort that goes into preparing a child to take his place in heaven.

Too many parents make the mistake of treating their children as gifts which they may possess for their own use and enjoyment rather than aiding in their preparation for a return to whence they came. The distinction between a gift and a loan may seem trivial, but it is an important one for parents to ponder.

- Ave Maria

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH III. Generation: (Daughter)

(2.a) MARY HENNEN IV. Generation: (Grand-daughter)

The family of M A R Y H E N N E N - IV. Generation:

" V. Generation: - The children of

" MARY HENNEN & HENRY ENGLES (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (1) Rose, (2) Harry, (3) Della (E N G E L S)

" VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1) ROSE ENGELS & GEORGE SCHROEDER (1 boy)

" (a) George Howard (S C H R O E D E R)

" (2) HARRY ENGLES & ANNA DE SIO (2 girls)

" (a) Gloria, (b) Rita (E N G E L S)

" (3) DELLA ENGLES & LOUIS E. FRAZIER (None)

" VII. Generation: - the children of

" (1.a) GEORGE HOWARD SCHROEDER & MARY CRAIN (None)

" (2.a) GLORIA ENGELS & HARVEY J. MEISEL (None)

" (2.b) RITA ENGELS & LAWRENCE TOELLER (None)

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A young man once found a dollar bill in the road. From that time on he never lifted his eyes from the ground while walking. In the course of 40 years he accumulated 29,516 buttons, 52,172 pins, 7 pennies, a bent back, and a miserable disposition. He lost the glories of the light, and the smiles of his friends, the songs of birds, the beauties of nature and an opportunity to serve his fellow man and spread sunshine.

- Killark's Sparks

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH III. Generation (Daughter)

(2.a) KATE HENNEN IV. Generation (Grand-daughter)

The family of K A T E H E N N E N IV. Generation

" V. Generation - The children of

" KATE HENNEN & HENRY FRITZ (2 boys, 4 girls)

" (1) Albert, (2) Martha, (3) Isabel, (4) Edward, (5) Eleanore,

" (6) Rose, who died in infancy (F R I T Z)

" VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1) ALBERT FRITZ & CAROLINE E. PICKART (4 boys)

" (a) Carroll, (b) Henry, (c) Jerome, (d) William J. (F R I T Z)

" Note: Henry and Jerome died in infancy.

" (2) MARTHA FRITZ & PETER ABHOLD (2 boys)

" (a) Wilfred, (b) Franklin (A B H O L D)

" (3) ISABEL FRITZ & JAMES ANTHONY (None)

" (4) EDWARD FRITZ & LAURA ACKLEY (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Laura, (b) Edward A. Jr. (F R I T Z)

" (5) ELEANORE FRITZ & LOUIS NETT (5 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Louis Jr., (b) Doreen, (c) Joan, (d) Roger, (e) James

" (f) Eugene, (g) Virginia, (h) Mary Esther, (i) Bruce (N E T T)

VII. Generation: - The children of

" (1.a) CARROLL J. FRITZ & RUTH BAKER (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Barbara, (bb) David (F R I T Z)

" (2.a) WILFRED ABHOLD & BEVERLY FRITZ (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Richard, (bb) Catherine Marie, (cc) Stephen, (dd) Leonard (A B H O L D)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II Generation

1. ELIZABETH WALGENBACH (daughter) III. Generation

(2.a) KATE HENNEN (Grand-daughter) IV. Generation

The family of K A T E H E N N E N (Continued)

VII. Generation (Continued)

" (2.b) FRANKLIN ABHOLD & JOAN PHILLIPS (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Christine, (bb) Victoria, (cc) Michael (A B H O L D)

" (4.a) LAURA FRITZ & ALBERT FISCHER (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Catherine, (bb) Jeoffrey, (cc) Victoria, (dd) Laura Elizabeth (F I S C H E R)

" (5.b) DOREEN NETT & EMIL WANATKA (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Emil III., (bb) Mary Ellen (W A N A T K A)

" (5.e) JAMES NETT & BARBARA KOLSTAD (None)

" (5.f) EUGENE NETT & AUDREY SALZMANN (2 girls)

" (aa) Linda, (bb) Paula Joan (N E T T)

NOTE: (5.g) and (5.h) VIRGINIA & MARY ESTHER NETT became nuns, the former choosing the name SISTER M. LOUIS ELLEN O.S.F. and the latter SISTER M. ROGERIA, O.S.F.

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A man cannot really be religious one hour and not religious the next. We might as well say he could be in a state of good health one hour and in bad health the next. A man who is religious, is religious morning, noon, and night. His religion is a certain character, a mould in which his thoughts, words and actions are cast, all forming parts of one and the same whole.

He sees God in all things. Every course of action he directs toward those spiritual objects which God has revealed to him. Every occurrance of the day, every event, every person met with, all news which he hears, he measures by the standard of God's will. And a person who does this may be said almost literally to pray without ceasing; for knowing himself to be in God's presence he is continually led to address Him reverently, Whom he sets always before him, in the inward language of prayer and praise, of humble confession and joyful trust.

- Cardinal Newman

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(3.a) JOHN HENNEN - IV. Generation (Grand-son)

The family of J O H N H E N N E N

V. Generation: - The children of

" JOHN HENNEN & MARGARET ANDREW (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (1) Mabel, (2) Annette, (3) Erving, (4) Florence (H E N N E N)

VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1) MABEL HENNEN & JAMES WARING (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) James, (b) Jack, (c) Marion, (d) Jane (W A R I N G)

" (2) ANNETTE HENNEN & JAMES PROSSER (1 boy)

" (a) Robert who died in infancy (P R O S S E R)

" (3) ERVING HENNEN & MARGARET SCHWEBKE (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (a) Roy, (b) Betty, (c) Donna, (d) Joan (H E N N E N)

" (4) FLORENCE HENNEN & FRANCIS DILLON (1 girl)

" (a) Patricia (D I L L O N)

VII. Generation: - The children of

" NOTE: (1.a) and (1.b) James and Jack Waring died in early childhood.

" (1.c) MARION WARING & ROBERT HEINZ (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) John, (bb) Susan (H E I N Z)

" (1.d) JANE WARING & ACREE SCHREVE (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Jennifer, (bb) Acree Jr., (cc) Timothy, (dd) Melissa (S C H R E V E)

" (3.a) ROY HENNEN & ALICE LEBKE (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Eric, (bb) Andrea (H E N N E N)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(3.a) JOHN HENNEN - IV. Generation (Grand-son)

The family of J O H N H E N N E N (Continued)

VII. Generation (Continued)

" (3.b) BETTY HENNEN & JOHN FIELDS JR. (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) John Jr., (bb) Jeanne (F I E L D S)

" (3.c) DONNA HENNEN & THOMAS MCCARTHY (1 boy)

" (aa) Patrick (M C C A R T H Y)

" (3.d) JOAN HENNEN & JOHN ZAHN (None)

" (4.a) PATRICIA DILLON & ROBERT LUTZ (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Robert Jr., (bb) Terry, (cc) Karen, (dd) Patricia (L U T Z)

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Man can send a message around the world seven times in one second. Unfortunately it sometimes requires years to get the same information from the outside to the inside of the human skull.

- Dr. Arnold Conrad -

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH -III Generation (Daughter)

(4a.) JOSEPH HENNEN - IV Generation (Grand-son)

The family of J O S E P H H E N N E N

V. Generation: - The children of

" JOSEPH HENNEN & MATTIE CRAIN (1 girl)

" (1) Rose (H E N N E N)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) ROSE HENNEN & ANTHONY FRITZ (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Conrad Louis, (b) Mary Louise, (c) Joseph George, (d) Elizabeth Anne (F R I T Z)

" VII. Generation: - The children of

" (1.a) CONRAD LOUIS FRITZ & ELEANORA GUYETTE (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Gerald Raymond, (bb) Theresa Ann (F R I T Z)

" (1.b) MARY LOUISE FRITZ & ROBERT VAN PELT (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Kim Marie, (bb) Robert Michael (V A N P E L T)

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"It is easy to fool yourself. It is not so easy to fool the people you work for; it is still more difficult to fool the people you work with; it is almost impossible to fool people who work under your direction.

- Harry B. Thayer -

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(5.a) MATTHEW HENNEN - IV Generation (Grand-son)

The family of M A T T H E W H E N N E N

V. Generation: - The children of

" MATTHEW HENNEN & MARY HAAS (1 boy)

" (1) Leo (H E N N E N)

VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1) LEO HENNEN & LENORA SERY (3 boys, 5 girls)

" (a) Robert, (b) Thomas, (c) Eileen, (d) Rosemary, (e) Nancy

" (f) Jane Frances, (g) Margaret L., (h) Richard (H E N N E N)

VII. Generation: - The children of:

" (1.a) ROBERT HENNEN & ELAINE DWYER (4 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Mary, (bb) Billy, (cc) Joseph, (dd) Carol, (ee) Daniel,

" (ff) Peter (H E N N E N)

" (1.b) THOMAS HENNEN & CECILIA GLOUDEMANS (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (aa) Thomas Jr., (bb) James, (cc) Kathleen, (dd) John, (ee) Judith,

" (ff) Susan, (gg) Jerome (H E N N E N)

" (1.c) EILEEN HENNEN & HAROLD STIPPICH (2 girls)

" (aa) Beverly, (bb) Gloria (S T I P P I C H)

" (1.d) ROSEMARY HENNEN & RICHARD JOHNSON (1 girl)

" (aa) Linda (J O H N S O N)

The family of Matthew Hennen embraces 32 souls.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(6.a) FRANCES HENNEN - IV. Generation (Grand-daughter)

The family of F R A N C E S H E N N E N

V. Generation: - The children of

" FRANCES HENNEN & ANDREW HUOLIHAN (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (1) Louis A.,(2) Hilda F., (3) Beau Christian, (4) Irowin Henry,

" (5) Otto A., (6) Mary Coletta, (7) Camille G. (H U O L I H A N)

VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1) LOUIS A. HUOLIHAN & LILLIAN BRANDT (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) James Louis, (b) Patricia Camille (H U O L I H A N)

" (2) HILDA HUOLIHAN & ALFRED W. KOHL (1 boy)

" (a) James Harley (K O H L)

" (3) BEAU CHRISTIAN HUOLIHAN & MILDRED PLUTZ (5 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Gordon, (b) Clifford, (c) Ann Frances, (d) Joyce Theresa,

" (e) Jennie, (f) George, (g) Michael, (h) David (H U O L I H A N)

" (4) IROWIN HENRY HUOLIHAN & MILDRED BOOKS (4 boys)

" (a) Laurel I., (b) Charles D., (c) Robert A., (d) Patrick (H U O L I H A N)

" (7) CAMILLE G. HUOLIHAN & JOHN H. VERVRICK (None)

" NOTE: Otto A. remained unmarried and Mary Colette died in infancy.

VII. Generation: - The children of

" (2.a) JAMES HARLEY KOHL & GERALDINE RUPPLE (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Kathleen Jane, (bb) James Kurtus, (cc) John Todd (K O H L)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER -- II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(6.a) FRANCES HENNEN - IV. Generation (Grand-daughter)

The family of F R A N C E S H E N N E N (Continued)

VII. Generation: - The children of

" (3.a) GORDON HUOLIHAN & JANICE DUFRANE (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Deborah Jean, (bb) Danny (H U O L I H A N)

" (4.a) LAUREL I. HUOLIHAN & SHIRLEY FAIRBANKS (2 boys)

" (aa) Michael, (bb) David L. (H U O L I H A N)

" (4.b) CHARLES D. HUOLIHAN & MYRTLE W. WHITNEY (2 boys)

" (aa) Mark C., (bb) Kelly B. (H U O L I H A N)

" (4.c) ROBERT A. HUOLIHAN & PATRICIA COMBOY (1 boy)

" (aa) Rora A. (H U O L I H A N)

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"Success is getting what you want -

Happiness is wanting what you get."

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(7.a) SUSAN HENNEN - IV. Generation (Grand-daughter)

The family of S U S A N H E N N E N

V. Generation: - The children of

" SUSAN HENNEN & HENRY LOEHR (9 boys, 4 girls)

" (1) Arthur Q., (2) Alfred H., (3) Alexander L., (4) Ambrose A., (5) Vincent J., (6) Walter Q., (7) Joseph E., (8) Henry J., (9) Charles J., (10) Dorothy H., (11) Lucinda M., (12) Martha, (13) Veronica L. (L O E H R)

VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1) ARTHUR Q. LOEHR & MARY VOGDS (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Vera, (b) Edward, (c) Lila, (d) Joyce (L O E H R)
Son Conrad died in 1916

" (2) ALFRED H. LOEHR & JOSEPHINE GERHARTZ (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Donald, (b) Dolores (L O E H R)

" (3) ALEXANDER L. LOEHR & FRANCES LAHAIE (None)

" (4) AMBROSE A. LOEHR & JOYCE STANCZAK (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Susan, (b) William Q. (L O E H R)

" (5) WALTER Q. LOEHR (single)

" (6) VINCENT J. LOEHR & FLORENCE WENDLAND (None)

" (7) JOSEPH E. LOEHR & EDYTHE KALE (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Michael Alan, (b) Dennis John, (c) John Henry, (d) Vickey (L O E H R)

" (8) HENRY J. LOEHR & HELEN L. FREEMAN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Diana Mary, (b) David Charles (L O E H R)

" (9) CHARLES J. LOEHR & EVELYN BLANKENSHIP (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (a) Susan L., (b) Shela A., (c) Sheryl A., (d) Charles J. Jr. (L O E H R)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(7.a) SUSAN HENNEN - IV. Generation (Grand-daughter)

The family of S U S A N H E N N E N (Continued)

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (13) VERONICA L. LOEHR MAGEE & ALVIN P. WHITE (None)

" NOTE: (10), (11), and (12) - DOROTHY H., LUCINDA M., MARTHA C. (single)

VII. Generation: - The children of

"(1.a) VERA LOEHR & CLARENCE MARCOE (1 boy, 4 girls)

" (aa) Mary, (bb), Jerald, (cc) Joanne, (dd) Kay Lynn, (ee) Elise (M A R C O E)

" (1.b) EDWARD LOEHR & BETTY CONDON (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Ronald, (bb) Kathleen, (cc) Rosemary, (dd) Mary Ann (L O E H R)

" (1.c) LILA LOEHR & NORMAN GRAFFIN (2 boys, 6 girls)

" (aa) Karen, (bb) Judy, (cc) Rodger (died in 1950), (dd) Michael, (ee) Marilyn, (ff) Susan Linda, (gg) "Baby" (G R A F F I N)

" (1.d) JOYCE LOEHR & EDWARD T. FARRELL (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Suzanne E., (bb) Barbara J., (cc) Terrence P. Jr. (F A R R E L L)

" (2.b) DOLORES LOEHR & JAMES KLEINHANS (5 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Robert, (bb) Charles, (cc) Janet, (dd) Mary Jo, (ee) Joseph, (ff) James, (gg) John (K L E I N H A N S)

VIII. Generation: - The children of

" MARY MARCOE & DONALD STEINKE (None)

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Be careful about calling yourself an expert. After all, an "ex" is a has-been, and a "spurt" is a drip under pressure."

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(9a) ALBERT HENNEN - IV. Generation

The family of A L B E R T H E N N E N

V. Generation: - The children of

" ALBERT HENNEN & CATHERINE CAROLAN (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (1) Albert Jr., (2) Mary, (3) Raymond, (4) Edward

VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1) ALBERT HENNEN, JR. & IVA SMITH (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Rosemary, (b) Kay, (c) Patrick (H E N N E N)

" (2) MARY HENNEN & WILLIAM WIEDNER (2 girls)

" (a) Marion, (b) Elizabeth (W I E D N E R)

" (3) RAYMOND HENNEN & MYRTLE SMITH (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Clarence, (b) Gladys, (c) Dolores, (d) Raymond Jr., (e) Gary (H E N N E N)

" (4) EDWARD HENNEN & KATHRYN OLDENBURG (2 boys, 6 girls)

" (a) Donald, (b) Dianne, (c) Doris, (d) Donna, (e) Darlene, (f) Daniel, (g) Drusilla, (h) Denise (H E N N E N)

VII. Generation: - The children of

" (1.a) ROSEMARY HENNEN & LYLE AMBELONG (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Albert, (bb) Margaret (Peggy) (A M B E L O N G)

" (1.b) KAY HENNEN & MERTON HILLYER (1 boy)

" (aa) Michael (H I L L Y E R)

" (2.a) MARION WEIDNER & ERUIN BELOT (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Michael, (bb) Susan, (cc) Thomas, (dd) Timothy, (ee) Patricia (B E L O T)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II Generation

(1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(9.a) ALBERT HENNEN - IV. Generation (Grand-son)

The family of A L B E R T H E N N E N (Con't.)

VII. Generation (Continued)

" (3.a) CLARENCE HENNEN & LILLIAN SCHNEIDER (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Sharon, (bb) Daniel, (cc) Patrick (H E N N E N)

" (4.b) DIANNE HENNEN & ARNOLD FREIDIG JR. (None)

" (3.c) DELORES HENNEN & HAROLD BEMIS (2 boys)

" (aa) Jeffrey, (bb) Mark (B E M I S)

" (3.d) RAYMOND HENNEN JR. & BARBARA SCHUTTE (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Vicki, (bb) Michael (H E N N E N)

" (4.c) DORIS HENNEN & EUGENE KLEE (1 boy)

" (aa) Michael (K L E E)

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"Robert," said the earnest social worker to the village reprobate, "The last time I met you, you made me very happy because you were sober. Today you have made me very unhappy because you are intoxicated."

"Yes," said Robert with a beaming smile. "Today's my turn to be happy."

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(2) MATHIAS WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son)

The family of M A T H I A S W A L G E N B A C H

IV. Generation: - The children of
(son)
" MATHIAS WALGENBACH & FRANCES RAILING (3 boys, 3 girls)

" (1) JOSEPH, (2) FRANK, (3) WILLIAM, (4) MARY, (5) ANNA, (6) KATE
(W A L G E N B A C H)

V. Generation: - The children of

" (1) JOSEPH WALGENBACH & ANNA FELDNER (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Ida, (b) Roman, (c) Mathilda (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (2) FRANK WALGENBACH & MARY SCHMIDT (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Margaret, (b) George, (c) Frieda (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (3) WILLIAM WALGENBACH & DELLA CLOHESY (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Frances, (b) Edward, (c) Cecilia (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (4) MARY WALGENBACH & MICHAEL LONDRE (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (a) Esther, (b) Lillian, (c) Harvey, (d) Aurora (L O N D R E)

" (5) ANNA WALGENBACH & JOSEPH HUTTER (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Oliver, (b) Adolph, (c) Agnes (H U T T E R)

" (6) KATE WALGENBACH & SEBASTIAN MOERSCH (3 boys)

" (a) Clarence, (b) Emmorest, (c) Arnold (M O E R S C H)

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VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1.a) IDA WALGENBACH & ANDREW QUACKENBOSS (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Esther, (bb) Roman, (cc) Allen, (dd) Francis, (ee) Joan
(Q U A C K E N B O S S)

" (1.b) ROMAN WALGENBACH & HILDEGARDE SIMON (None)

" (1.c) MATHILDA WALGENBACH & ALOIS VOGDS (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Leander, (bb) Mildred (died at 9 yrs.), (cc) Marjorie
(V O G D S)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(2) MATHIAS WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son)

The family of M A T H I A S W A L G E N B A C H (Con't.)

VI. Generation (Con't.)

" (2.a) MARGARET WALGENBACH & JOSEPH NEFF (2 boys)

" (aa) Joseph, (bb) Anthony (died in infancy) (N E F F)

" (2.b) GEORGE WALGENBACH & DOROTHY SCHWEBACH (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Donald, (bb) Shirley (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (2.c) FRIEDA WALGENBACH & RALPH SCHREINER (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Dolores, (bb) Allen, (cc) Donald (S C H R E I N E R)

" (3.a) FRANCES WALGENBACH & ROLAND POMPLIN (1 girl)

" (aa) Joan (P O M P L I N)

" (3.b) EDWARD WALGENBACH & EVELYN GENNRICH (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) James, (bb) Lynn Patricia, (cc) Robert, (dd) Mary Ann (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (3.c) CECILIA WALGENBACH & HAROLD LOCHE (2 boys)

" (aa) Richard, (bb) Daniel (L O C H E)

" (4.a) ESTHER LONDRE & HARRY HERSEY (2 girls)

" (aa) Betty, (bb) Audrey (single) (H E R S E Y)

" (4.b) LILLIAN LONDRE & FLOYD ANNIS (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Jack, (bb) Jane (A N N I S)

" (4.c) HARRY LONDRE & FRIEDA JARF (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Ronald, (bb) Marilyn (L O N D R E)

" (4.d) AURORA LONDRE & ANTHONY DETTLOFF (2 boys)

" (aa) John (deceased), (bb) William (D E T T L O F F)

" (5.a) OLIVER HUTTER & HELEN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(2) MATHIAS WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son)

The family of M A T H I A S W A L G E N B A C H (Continued)

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (5.b) DR. ADOLPH HUTTER & JANET KAY (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Elizabeth Ann, (bb) Adolph M. Jr. (H U T T E R)

" (5.c) AGNES HUTTER & CHARLES SCHAFER (1 girl)

" (aa) Ann Katherine (S C H A F E R)

" (6.a) CLARENCE MOERSCH & EDNA CONNELL (None)

" (6.b) EMMOREST MOERSCH & DOROTHY BARRUCH (2 girls)

" (6.c) ARNOLD MOERSCH & DOROTHY BERENZ (None)

VII. Generation: - The children of

" (1,a,aa) ESTHER QUACKENBOSS & ALVIN SELK (3 girls)

" (aaa) Judith Ann, (bbb) Mary Lou, (ccc) Linda Mary (S E L K)

" (1,a,bb) ROMAN QUACKENBOSS & SERENA KNAUS (4 boys, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Kenneth, (bbb) Jerome, (ccc) Thomas (ddd) Mary Jo,
(eee) Andrew (Q U A C K E N B O S S)

" (1,a,cc) ALLEN QUACKENBOSS & KATHERINE SCHAD (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Karen Anne, (bbb) John (Q U A C K E N B O S S)

" (1,a,dd) FRANCIS QUACKENBOSS & MARGUERITE GIEBEL (2 girls)

" (aaa) Frances, (bbb) Carol Ann (Q U A C K E N B O S S)

" (1,a,ee) JOAN QUACKENBOSS & ALBERT SCHAD (None)

" (1,c,aa) LEANDER VOGDS & PEARL ROOB (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Sandra, (bbb) Richard (V O G D S)

" (1,c,cc) MARJORIE VOGDS & WILLIAM BRADFORD (4 boys, 2 girls)

" (aaa) William Jr., (bbb) David, (ccc) Jeoffrey, (ddd) Kay,
(eee) James, (fff) Janice (B R A D F O R D)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(2) MATHIAS WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son) (Continued)

VII. Generation (Continued)

" (2,b,bb) SHIRLEY WALGENBACH & ANDREW NOONAN (2 boys)

" (aaa) Patrick, (bbb) Michael (N O O N A N)

" (2,c,aa) DOLORES SCHREINER & CARL WOLLNER (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aaa) Kathleen, (bbb) Diane, (ccc) Debra, (ddd) Jerold (W O L L N E R)

" (2,c,bb) ALLEN SCHREINER & RUBY KLINK (2 girls)

" (aaa) Sharon, (bbb) Sarah (S C H R E I N E R)

" (2,c,cc) DONALD SCHREINER & JANET WICKS (None)

" (3,a,aa) JOAN POMPLIN & ALLEN WILLIAMS (None)

" (4,a,aa) BETTY HERSEY & MANGUS SCHMIDT (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (aaa) Denis, (bbb) Wayne, (ccc) Barbara Jo, (ddd) Beverly Marie, (eee) Darleen Lee (S C H M I D T)

" (4,b,aa) JACK ANNIS & PATRICIA HAMMOND (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Kathleen Rae, (bbb) James David (A N N I S)

" (4,b,bb) JANE ANNIS & ROBERT NEITMAN (None)

" (4,c,aa) RONALD LONDRE & ELAINE SCHMOLLER (2 boys)

" (aaa) Mark, (bbb) Brent (L O N D R E)

" (4,d,bb) WILLIAM DETTLOFF & BARBARA SHERIDAN (1 boy)

" (aaa) David Dean (D E T T L O F F)

" (4,c,bb) MARILYN LONDRE & RANDOLPH LAURENCHICH (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Susan, (bbb) James Michael (L A U R E N C H I C H)

" (6,b,aa) DIANNE MOERSCH & TROY STARK (1 boy)

" (aaa) Gary Dean (S T A R K)

" (6,b,bb) SANDRA JEAN MOERSCH & RALPH CLAPPER (1 boy)

" (aaa) Scott Taylor (C L A P P E R)

The family of Mathias Walgenbach embraces 151 souls.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(3) ANNA MARIA WALGENBACH - III. Generation

The family of A N N A M A R I A W A L G E N B A C H

IV. Generation: - The children of

" ANNA M. WALGENBACH & JOHN JOSEPH MICHELS (8 boys, 6 girls)

" (1) Anton, (2) Barbara, (3) Elizabeth, (4) Mary, (5) Frank,
" (6) Catherine, (7) Nicholas, (8) John, (9) Christian, (10)
" Rose, (11) Henry (died a baby), (12) Joseph, (13) Louis,
" (14) Anna

V. Generation: - The children of

" (1) ANTON MICHELS & MARY DEXHEIMER (1 boy)

" (a) Leonard (M I C H E L S)

" (2) BARBARA MICHELS & AL TRACY (None)

" (3) ELIZABETH MICHELS & CHARLES VERHEYN (4 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) William, (b) Mabel, (c) Ella, (d) Charles, (e) George,
(f) Grace, (g) Caroline, (h) Charles (V E R H E Y N)

" (4) MARY MICHELS - Single

" (5) FRANK MICHELS & MARGARET LEFEBER (3 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Frances, (b) Jos. Raymond, (c) Josephine (d) Ambrose,
(e) Leo, (f) Anna M., (g) Mary A. (Twins, died in infancy)
(M I C H E L S)

" (6) CATHERINE MICHELS & LAWRENCE SCHUMACHER (2 girls)

" (a) Florence, (b) Leona (S C H U M A C H E R)

" (7) NICHOLAS MICHELS & BARBARA WIRTZ (None)

" (8) JOHN MICHELS & ELIZABETH SCHUMACHER (1 girl)

" (a) Esther (M I C H E L S)

" (9) CHRISTIAN MICHELS & GERTRUDE LEFEBER (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (a) Lucille, (b) Edgar, (c) Loretta, (d) Virginia (M I C H E L S)
NOTE: LUCILLE MICHELS died in infancy; EDGAR at 20.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER -- II. Generation

(3) ANNA MARIA WALGENBACH - III. Generation

V. Generation (Continued)

" (10) ROSE MICHELS & SAMUEL KOHLI (6 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) John, (b) Adolph, (c) Henry, (d) Martha, (e) Emil, (f) Andrew, (g) Arthur, (h) Rosetta (K O H L I)

" (12) JOSEPH MICHELS & FRANCES WINTER (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Bernetta, (b) Robert (M I C H E L S)

NOTE: (13) and (14) LOUIS & ANNA remained single.

VI. Generation: - The children of

" (1.a) LEONARD MICHELS &

" (3.a) WILLIAM VERHEYN & JOY ROBINSON (None)

" (3.e) GEORGE VERHEYN & VERA WESSEN (1 girl)

" (aa) Glenda (V E R H E Y N)

" (3.f) GRACE VERHEYN & JAMES OTTO (1 girl)

" (aa) Doreen (O T T O)

" (3.h) CHARLES VERHEYN & BLANCHE KAEEDICK (2 boys)

" (aa) William, (bb) John (V E R H E Y N)

NOTE: (3.b) MABEL VERHEYN remained single.
(3.c) ELLA, (3.e) GEORGE, (3.d) CHARLIE, (3.g) CARRIE died as children.
(5.a) FRANCES and (5.c) JOSEPHINE MICHELS remained single.

" (5.b) RAYMOND J. MICHELS & MARGARET ATKINS (2 girls)

" (aa) Julia, (bb) Ione (M I C H E L S)

" (5.d) AMBROSE MICHELS & ISABEL KIELIUS (None)

" (5.e) LEO MICHELS & FLORENCE HILDEBRAND (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) James, (bb) Patricia, (cc) Catherine (M I C H E L S)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(3) ANNA MARIA WALGENBACH - III. Generation

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (6.a) FLORENCE & LEONA SCHUMACHER remained single.

" (8.a) ESTHER MICHELS & ROLAND ROBB (4 boys)

" (aa) Jack, (bb) Jerry, (cc) Timothy, (dd) Thomas (R O B B)

NOTE: (8.c) & (8.d) LORETTA & VIRGINIA MICHELS remained single.

" (10.a) JOHN KOHLI (single)

" (10.b) ADOLPH KOHLI & ELLA FROEHLICH (None)

" (10.c) HENRY KOHLI & CATHERINE WAGNER (3 girls)

" (aa) Anne, (bb) Jeanne, (cc) Mary Jo (K O H L I)

" (10.d) MARTHA KOHLI & DONALD DEN BLEYKER (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Donald, Jr., (bb) Dorothy, (cc) Doris, (dd) Mary (D E N B L E Y K E R)

" (10.e) EMIL KOHLI & MARY BRADLEY (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Rosemary, (bb) Patricia, (cc) Michael, (dd) Francis,
" (ee) Robin (K O H L I)

" (10.f) ANDREW KOHLI & MARGARET GIEBLER (1 girl)

" (aa) Karen (K O H L I)

" (10.g) ARTHUR KOHLI & JEAN CHART (none)

" (10.h) ROSETTA KOHLI & ANTHONY HOLZMAN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Paul, (bb) Rosemary (H O L Z M A N)

" (12.a) BERNETTA MICHELS - Single

" (12.b) ROBERT MICHELS & JEANNETTE ZABEL (None)

" VII. Generation: - The children of

" (5,b,aa) JULIA MICHELS & PATRICK SULLIVAN (1 girl)

" (aaa) Patricia (S U L L I V A N)

" (5,b,bb) IONA MICHELS & CHARLES PESKY (None)

The family of Anna Maria Walgenbach embraces 109 souls.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(4) BARBARA WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

The family of B A R B A R A W A L G E N B A C H

" IV. Generation: The children of

" BARBARA WALGENBACH & JACOB SCHMITZ (1 boy, 5 girls)

" (1) ANNA, (2) FRANK, (3) MARY, (4) OTTILIA, (5) KATHERINE
(6) AMELIA (S C H M I T Z)

" NOTE: FRANK (2) & MARY SCHMITZ (3) remained single and are deceased.

V. Generation: The children of

" (1) ANNA SCHMITZ & OTTO RAUTENBERG (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Raymond, single (b) Regina (single) (R A U T E N B E R G)

" (4) OTTILIA SCHMITZ & JULIUS ERKE (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Helen, (b) Marie, (c) Bernard, (d) Julius, (e) Norman, who died - single, (f) Gerald, (g) Loretta, (single, deceased)
(E R K E)

" (5) KATE SCHMITZ & HERMAN GIESE (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Harold, (b) Ora (G I E S E)

" (6) AMELIA SCHMITZ & JOHN SMITH (2 girls)

" (a) Ethel, (b) Hope (S M I T H)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (4.a) HELEN ERKE & LAWRENCE PAQUIN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Walter, (bb) Joan (P A Q U I N)

" (4.b) MARIE & ARNOLD PLONSKY (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Kenneth, (bb) Mary Anne, (cc) Arnold Jr. (P L O N S K Y)

" (4.c) BERNARD ERKE & BEULAH BREITENFELD (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Linda, (bb) Charles, (cc) Sandra (E R K E)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(4) BARBARA WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Daughter)

(VI. Generation Continued)

" (4.d) JULIUS ERKE & KATHERINE DAME (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) James, (bb) Thomas, (cc) John, (dd) Kathy (E R K E)

" (4.f) GERALD ERKE & DOROTHY FRITZ (1 girl)

" (aa) Judith (E R K E)

" (5.a) HAROLD GIESE & BESSIE MCMAHON (2 girls)

" (aa) Eleanore, (bb) Frances (G I E S E)

VII. Generation: The children of

" (4,c,aa) LINDA ERKE & JAMES LUCKERSCHEIN (1 boy)

" (aaa) William (L U C K E R S C H E I N)

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I am a great believer in the idea that trouble is the best thing that ever happened to us.

If all the troubles in the world were eliminated, and all the problems solved, we'd be more tired than work ever made us; we would be bored to death.

The man who has a lot of troubles may not think of himself as blessed, but there is a sense in which he is. For my part, I believe that God intends some of us to have a lot of troubles of our own and a gift for taking on the troubles of others. When God gives a man a gift like that. He always gives him the graces needed to make the gift a consolation and a source of satisfaction to himself.

More men have been made great by crosses than by crowns; conversely, more men have been made soft, even ruined, by crowns than by crosses. More men have been blessed through handicap and adversity than have been perfected through health and prosperity.

- Richard Cardinal Cushing quoted in
Mission Digest -

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(8) FRANK WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son)

The family of F R A N K W A L G E N B A C H

IV. Generation: The children of

" FRANK WALGENBACH & MARY ANNA STEFFES: (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (1) Elizabeth, (2) Joseph Nicholas, (3) John, (4) Aloysius Joseph, (5) Leo Mathias, (6) Gertrude, (7) Catherine Anna (W A L G E N B A C H)

V. Generation: The children of

" (1) ELIZABETH WALGENBACH & HENRY JAGDFELD (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Clarence, (b) Edward, (c) Leo, (d) Mary Frances, (e) Helen (J A G D F E L D)

" (2) JOSEPH NICK WALGENBACH & MATHILDA HEINZ (3 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Roma, (b) Sedonia, (c) Marvin (d) Joseph Leo, (e) Eugene,
" (f) Genevieve (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (3) JOHN WALGENBACH & ROSE MUELLENBACH (1 boy, 4 girls)

" (a) Marcella, (b) Mary, (c) Frances, (d) Lucille, (e) Franklin (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (4) ALOYSIUS WALGENBACH & LORRAINE ABEL (3 girls)

" (a) Marian, (b) Carol, (c) Roberta (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (5) LEO WALGENBACH (single - died in World War I)

" (6) GERTRUDE WALGENBACH & WILLIAM HUBERTY (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Elizabeth, (b) Robert, (c) Mary, (d) John, (e) Louise (H U B E R T Y)

" (7) CAROLINE ANNA WALGENBACH & ALEX HAENSGEN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Leo Joseph, (b) Rose Elizabeth (H A E N S G E N)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) CLARENCE JAGDFELD & HELEN NIEDEREHE (2 girls)

" (aa) Marianne, (bb) Caroline (J A G D F E L D)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(8) FRANK WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son)

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (1.b) EDWARD JAGDFELD & JEANETTE KOSTUCH (None)

" (1.c) LEO JAGDFELD & JEANETTE RACKOW (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Patricia, (bb) John (J A G D F E L D)

" (1.d) MARY FRANCES JAGDFELD & GERALD BACHMAN (5 girls)

" (aa) Jane, (bb) Janet, (cc) Barbara, (dd) Karen, (ee) Sharon (B A C H M A N)

" (1.e) HELEN JAGDFELD (single)

" (2.a) ROMA WALGENBACH (single)

" (2.b) SEDONIA WALGENBACH & DON SCHUBERT (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Donna, (bb) Stephen, (cc) Christine (S C H U B E R T)

" (2.d) JOSEPH LEO WALGENBACH & JANE ERICKSON (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Jeanne, (bb) Robert, (cc) Richard, (dd) Mark, (ee) Jane (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (2.e) EUGENE WALGENBACH & NOREEN MONKS (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Thomas, (bb) Linda, (cc) Paul, (dd) James (W A L G E N B A C H)

" NOTE: (2.a), (2.c), & (2.f) ROMA & GENEVIEVE WALGENBACH (Single) MARVIN WALGENBACH died in infancy.

" (3.c) FRANCES WALGENBACH & CARL GRATTON (3 girls)

" (aa) Mary Jo, (bb) Karla, (cc) Cynthia (G R A T T O N)

" (3.d) LUCILLE WALGENBACH & JOSEPH GRAILER (1 boy, 5 girls)

" (aa) Carol, (bb) Joseph, (cc) Margaret, (dd) Rose, (ee) Elizabeth,
" (ff) Rita (G R A I L E R)

" (3.e) FRANKLIN WALGENBACH & MARY ANN GRAML (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Michael, (bb) Kenneth, (cc) Susan (W A L G E N B A C H)

" NOTE: (3.a) and (3.b) MARCELLA & MARY WALGENBACH - deceased.

" (4.a) MARIAN WALGENBACH & NATHAN LASSITER (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Thomas, (bb) Lorine, (cc) Louise (L A S S I T E R)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(8) FRANK WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son)

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (4.b) CAROL WALGENBACH & MALCOLM BARCLAY (None)

" (4.c) ROBERTA WALGENBACH & ERVING APPELMAN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Michael, (bb) Lorine (A P P E L M A N)

" (5) LEO MATHIAS WALGENBACH died in World War I.

" (6.a) ELIZABETH HUBERTY & ROBERT ASCHERIN (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Bonnie, (bb) Terence, (cc) Mary Ann, (dd) Carol (A S C H E R I N)

" (6.b) ROBERT HUBERTY & MARY ANN BREITZMEN (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Pamela, (bb) Marilyn, (cc) Michael, (dd) Patrick (H U B E R T Y)

" (6.c) MARY HUBERTY & JOSEPH SCHAUB (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Theresa, (bb) Joseph (cc) Carol, (dd) David (S C H A U B)

" (6.d) JOHN HUBERTY & THERESA BURZINSKI (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Diana, (bb) Nicholas, (cc) Judith, (dd) John (H U B E R T Y)

" (6.e) LOUISE HUBERTY & JOHN SMOLIK (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (aa) Kathy, (bb) Barbara, (cc) Thomas, (dd) John, (ee) Louise (S M O L I K)

" (7.a) LEO JOSEPH HAENSGEN (single)

" (7.b) ROSE ELIZABETH HAENSGEN (single)

The family of Frank Walgenbach numbers 116 souls.

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When the truth is in your way, you are on the wrong road.

- "The Liguorian"

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

I. MARGARET ABLER - II. Generation

(11) NICHOLAS WALGENBACH - III. Generation (Son)

The family of N I C H O L A S W A L G E N B A C H

IV. Generation: The children of

" NICHOLAS WALGENBACH & JULIA CLOHESY (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (1) MARGARET, (2) RAYMOND, (3) BERNICE (W A L G E N B A C H)

V. Generation: The children of

" (1) MARGARET WALGENBACH & EARL BRENNAND (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Donna, (b) Thomas (B R E N N A N D)

" (2) RAYMOND WALGENBACH & LORRAINE KLEIN (3 boys, 5 girls)

" (a) Geraldine, (b) Daniel, (c) Janet, (d) James, (e) Patricia,
" (f) Susan, (g) Karen, (h) Raymond, Jr. (W A L G E N B A C H)

" (3) BERNICE WALGENBACH & RICHARD ROWE (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Ramona, (b) Rose Ann, (c) Ronald (R O W E)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) DONNA BRENNAND & ROBERT KRATZKE (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Robert Thomas, (bb) Karen Ann, (cc) David, (dd) William
(K R A T Z K E)

" (1.b) THOMAS BRENNAND & DOROTHY MARZION (2 boys)

" (aa) Michael, (bb) Stephen (B R E N N A N D)

" (2.a) GERALDINE WALGENBACH & JAMES ALTMAN (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Thomas, (bb) John, (cc) Kathleen (A L T M A N)

" (2.c) JANET WALGENBACH & JOHN WEBER (1 boy)

" (aa) Gary (W E B E R)

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People should treat rumor like a check. Be sure it's genuine before you endorse it.

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The family of M A T H I A S A B L E R II. Generation

II. MATHIAS ABLER - II. Generation

MATHIAS ABLER who was the oldest of the sons of Nicholas and Elizabeth Abler, was born in the region of Coblenz, in Germany on December 16, 1827. He came to America as a young man of 20 in 1847. His was the good fortune of settling down for good with his parents on the original homestead. We do not know what determined our great-grandfather to select the particular spot, located about one and a half mile from what was once known as Calvary Station;but it seems a fair conclusion to think that, in consideration of circumstances and the means on hand, it seemed a good place, and it was.

Again, by the time Mathias determined to seek a life-partner, two of his brothers, Peter and John, had already launched out into their own future venture by marrying, the one in 1856 and the other in 1859. And it seems a practical arrangement that Mathias should take over the homestead after his marriage with GERTRUDE KASPER, which took place in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on November 24, 1863 when Mathias was 36 years of age. He lived to see 73 years and he died on April 10, 1900.

It is worthy of note to observe that the homestead is still in the hands of the descendents of Mathias Abler; for it means a continued possession of 112 years.

" III. Generation: The children of

" MATHIAS ABLER & GERTRUDE KASPER (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (1) MARY, (2) NICHOLAS, (3) ANNA, (4) JOHN, (5) AMELIA,

" (6) JOSEPH, (7) HUBERT

NOTE: ANNA (3) and JOSEPH (6) remained single.

HUBERT (7) died in his youth.

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People can be placed in three classes -- the few who MAKE things happen; the many who WATCH things happen; and the overwhelming majority who have NO IDEA what has happened.

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

II.
MATHIAS ABLER - II. Generation

MARY ABLER - III. Generation (Daughter)

The family of M A R Y A B L E R

IV. Generation: The children of

" MARY ABLER & ANTON PETRIE (6 boys, 5 girls)

" (1) AMANDA CATHERINE, (2) RUDOLPH JOHN, (3) URBAN BERNARD,
" (4) WALBURGA AGNES, (5) ROMAN ARNOLD, (6) ANTON JOSEPH (7)
" ALEXANDER MATT, (8) ALFRED JAMES, (9) ADELLA CAROLINE, (10) CLARA,
" (11) GERTRUDE - twins, who died in infancy.

V. Generation: The children of

" (1) AMANDA PETRIE & FRANK OLIG (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Elmer Nick, (b) Ervin Rudolph, (c) Arlene Mary, (d) Virginia,
" (e) Marjorie (O L I G)

" (2) RUDOLPH PETRIE & EMILY ANDREW (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Geneva, (b) Harvey (P E T R I E)

" (3) URBAN PETRIE & MARY SCHMITZ (2 boys, 5 girls)

" (a) Walter Roman, (b) Herbert Francis, (c) Florence Margaret
" (d) Loretta Mary, (e) Rosemary, (f) Patricia Clare, (g) Alice Marie
(P E T R I E)

" (4) WALBURGA PETRIE & FRANK SCHMITZ (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Norman, (b) Alvin, (c) Viola, (d) Vernon (S C H M I T Z)

" (5) ROMAN PETRIE & MARGARET CASPER (3 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Cleophia, (b) Lillian, (c) Beatrice, (d) Francis, (e) Jerome,
" (f) Sylvester, (g) Mary Alice (P E T R I E)

" (6) ANTHONY PETRIE & REGINA BLATZ (3 boys)

" (a) Delmar, (b) Willard, (c) Anthony who died in infancy (P E T R I E)

" (7) ALEX PETRIE & REGINA FELDNER (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Marlene, (b) Geraldine, (c) Ronald (P E T R I E)

" (8) ALFRED PETRIE & ASELLA RIEDER (2 boys)

" (a) Harold, (b) Lloyd (P E T R I E)

II.
MATHIAS ABLER - II. Generation

MARY ABLER - III. Generation

V. Generation (Continued)

" (9) ADELLA PETRIE & OSCAR STEPHANY (5 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Joanne, (b) Michael, (c) Robert, (d) Allen, (e) Mary,
" (f) Linda, (g) John, (h) James (S T E P H A N Y)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) ELMER OLIG & THEKLA WAGNER (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (aa) Roger, (bb) James, (cc) Elizabeth, (dd) Gladys, (ee) Mary Ann,
" (ff) William, (gg) Gerald (O L I G)

" (1.b) ERVIN OLIG & HELEN KNAUS (1 boy, 4 girls)

" (aa) Sandra, (bb) Jo Ann, (cc) Jane, (dd) Donna Mae, (ee) Stephen
(O L I G)

" (1.c) ARLENE OLIG & EMIL FELDNER (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Sue Ann, (bb) Joseph, (cc) Mary Elizabeth, (dd) Beverly
(F E L D N E R)

" (1.d) VIRGINIA OLIG & RAYMOND EIRING (2 girls)

" (aa) Patricia, (bb) Judith (E I R I N G)

" (1.e) MARJORIE OLIG & CLEMENT KASPER (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Diane, (bb) Michael, (cc) Debra (K A S P E R)

" (2.a) GENEVA PETRIE & ROMAN KREBSBACH (2 girls)

" (aa) Joan, (bb) Patricia (K R E B S B A C H)

" (2.b) HARVEY PETRIE & ROSE ANNE SCHNEIDER (None)

" (3.a) WALTER PETRIE & CATHERINE GOEBEL (4 girls)

" (aa) Anna Marie, (bb) Elizabeth Louise, (cc) Mary Catherine,
" (dd) Joan Margaret (P E T R I E)

" (3.b) HERBERT FRANCIS PETRIE became a Capuchin on 8/26/39, taking the name FULGENCE, and was ordained 6/2/48. Presently he is a Foreign Missionary on Guam.

II.
MATHIAS ABLER - II. Generation

MARY ABLER - III. Generation

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (3.d) LORETTA PETRIE & RAYMOND DE BOTH (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) James Raymond, (bb) Carol Jean, (cc) Thomas Edw. (dd) Robert Allen, (ee) Sharon Rose (D E B O T H)

" (3.f) PATRICIA PETRIE & DONALD GIEBEL (1 boy, 4 girls)

" (aa) Judith Marie, (bb) Stephen Donald, (cc) Mary Ellen, (dd) Susan Marlene, (ee) Janet Mary (G I E B E L)

" (3.g) ALICE MARIE PETRIE became a nun 8/30/52 choosing the name SR. MARIE ROSE O.S.F. professed on 8/12/57

NOTE: FLORENCE MARGARET PETRIE (3.c) died 5/11/24 and ROSEMARY (3.e) died 1/4/38.

" (4.a) NORMAN SCHMITZ & GLADYS LOEHR (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Carol Jean, (bb) Norman, Jr. (S C H M I T Z)

" (4.b) ALVIN SCHMITZ & MARTINA CASPER (4 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Joseph, (bb) John, (cc) Patricia Ann, (dd) Michael, (ee) William, (ff) Ann Mary (S C H M I T Z)

" (4.c) VIOLA SCHMITZ & ADRIAN SCHMITZ (3 boys, 3 girls)

" (aa) Ronald, (bb) Marilyn, (cc) Arlyn, (dd) Sharon Ann, (ee) Sandra Jean, (ff) Adrian, Jr. (S C H M I T Z)

" (4.d) VERNON SCHMITZ & DOLORES SCHMITZ (4 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Gary, (bb) Stanley, (cc) Linda Marie, (dd) (twins) James, (ee) Janice, (ff) Allen Michael (S C H M I T Z)

" (5.a) CLEOPHA PETRIE & MELVIN GAU (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) David, (bb) William, (cc) Arlene, (dd) Janet (G A U)

" (5.b) LILLIAN PETRIE & HAROLD B. SCHNEIDER (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Joan, (bb) Geraldine, (cc) Thomas, (dd) Mary Christine (S C H N E I D E R)

" (5.c) BEATRICE PETRIE & WILFRED KIND (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Jeffrey, (bb) Barbara, (cc) Stephen, (dd) Paul (K I N D)

II.
MATHIAS ABLER - II. Generation

MARY ABLER - III. Generation

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (5.d) FRANCIS PETRIE & CECILIA BAUS (None)

" (5.e) JEROME PETRIE & MARJORIE SABEL (1 boy)

" (aa) James Joseph (P E T R I E)

" NOTE: SYLVESTER PETRIE (5.f) AND MARY ALICE PETRIE (5.g.)not married

" (6.a) DELMAR PETRIE & SYLVIA HANKE (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Linda, (bb) Sharon, (cc) Michael, (dd) Thomas (P E T R I E)

" (6.b) WILLARD PETRIE & JOYCE DREIFUERST (None)

" (7.a) MARLENE PETRIE & HOWARD SIPPEL (1 boy)

" (aa) Michael (S I P P E L)

" (7.b) GERALDINE PETRIE & MARVIN KORB (1 girl - deceased)

" (7.c) RONALD PETRIE - not married

" (8.a) HAROLD PETRIE & ALICE BUECHEL (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Sandra, (bb) Richard, (cc) Thomas, (dd) Debra (P E T R I E)

" (8.b) LLOYD PETRIE & ELIZABETH WOELFEL (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Lawrence, (bb) Dianna (P E T R I E)

" (9.a) JOAN STEPHANY & JEROME LOBRIGER (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Dianne, (bb) Michael, (cc) Joseph (dd) Robert (L O B R I G E R)

The family of Mary Abler Petrie numbers 175 souls.

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Hiccoughs: Messages from departed spirits.

- Irish Digest

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

II.
MATHIAS ABLER - II. Generation

(2) NICHOLAS ABLER - III. Generation (Son)

The family of N I C H O L A S A B L E R

IV. Generation: The children of

" NICHOLAS ABLER & MARY SCHNEIDER (3 boys, 6 girls)

" (1) WILHELMINA CATHERINE, (2) ALOYS MATHIAS, (3) LEONA, (4) FLORENTINE M. JOAN, (5) SYLVAN JAMES, (6) ALVIRA WALBURGA, (7) NORBERT VINCENT, (8) MARY GERMAINE, (9) ARMELIA M. (A B L E R)

" V. Generation: The children of

" (1) WILHELMINA ABLER & ALBERT SCHRAGE (2 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Mary Helen, (b) Margaret Anne, (c) Myrtle Leona, (d) Charles Albert, (e) Robert Francis, (f) Julia Clara (S C H R A G E)

" (2) ALOYS ABLER & LUCILLE LEWIS (3 boys)

" (a) Nicholas Lee, (b) Aloys M. Jr., (c) George Gregory (A B L E R)

" (3) LEONA AMELIA ABLER & WENDELIN WILL (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Marion Ann, (b) Gerald (W I L L)

" (4) FLORENTINE M. JOAN not married

" (5) SYLVAN JAMES ABLER & ROSE KREBSBACH (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Paul, (b) Mary, (c) Clare (A B L E R)

" (6) ALVIRA WALBURGA & ARNOLD FREIDIG (1 boy)

" (a) Arnold, Jr. (F R E I D I G)

" (7) NORBERT ABLER & IRENE SCHMITZ, who died 4/17/55
NORBERT ABLER & MARCELLA MENGEL (1 girl)

" (a) Rose Marie (A B L E R)

" (8) MARY GERMAINE ABLER & PAUL MICHELS (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Helen Marie, (b) Richard Dean, (c) John Paul (M I C H E L S)

" (9) ARMELLA M. ABLER & NORBERT J. ABLER (None)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

II.
MATHIAS ABLER * II. Generation

(2) NICHOLAS ABLER - III. Generation (Continued)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) MARY HELEN SCHRAGE & AMBROSE SCHMITZ (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) John Joseph, (bb) Thomas Charles, (cc) Catherine Ann (S C H M I T Z)

" (1.b) MARGARET ANN SCHRAGE & VERNON HOLZMANN (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Mary Jo, (bb) Michael John, (cc) Margaret Jean, (dd) Maureen Joan (H O L Z M A N N)

" (1.d) CHARLES ALBERT SCHRAGE & VIOLA MAE WEBER (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Terence Lee, (bb) Richard Charles, (cc) Jane Lynn, (dd) Jodi Ann (S C H R A G E)

" (1.e) ROBERT F. SCHRAGE & AGNES N. GUELIG (2 boys)

" (aa) Christopher Kelly, (bb) Timothy Scott (S C H R A G E)

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Teach Them To Pray

Pre-school children of no more than normal intelligence (no offense meant to proud parents) can learn the most complicated radio and TV commercials. But the same parents who revel in and sometimes moan about such an accomplishment will protest it is too much to expect them to teach their children prayers or simple religious truths before they go to school.

As Father John Schultz, C.SS.R., put it in a Catholic Hour talk: "If children four years old can learn to think about Davy Crockett and the things that Davy Crockett does, those same children can learn to think about God and the things that God did and does."

It is an almost certain sign of parental neglect when a child arrives in first grade knowing by heart every "soap commercial" and the exploits of Davy from the killing of the "bar" to his going to Congress, but obviously unacquainted with even an awkward version of the Sign of the Cross or the simplest morning or evening prayer.

Parents who think they fool God with excuses for such a condition are not fooling the school Sisters or even the next door neighbor's children.

- Peoria Register

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

II.

MATHIAS ABLER - II. Generation

(3) JOHN ABLER - III. Generation (Son)

The family of J O H N A B L E R - III. Generation

IV. Generation: The children of

" JOHN ABLER & JOHANNA RIEDER

" (1) JOHANNA L, who died in infancy, (2) EDWIN JOHN, (3) HILDEGARD ANN, (4) GILBERT NICK., (5) GREGORY PETER, (6) CLEMENS MATT, (7) LEANDER JOS., (8) LORRAINE M., (9) MARY, (10) JOHANNA LEONA (A B L E R)

V. Generation: The children of

" (2) EDWIN JOHN ABLER & BEATRICE SCHAUB (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Karen Ann, (b) Joseph Edwin, (c) Jane Mary (A B L E R)

" (3) HILDEGARD ANN ABLER & CHARLES E. SHEPRO (1 girl)

" (a) Joanne M. (S H E P R O)

" (4) GILBERT N. ABLER & DOLORES SOLES (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Lucille, (b) Roslyn, (c) John (A B L E R)

" (6) CLEMENS MATT ABLER & ANGELITA KOHLMANN (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Frederick, (b) Constance Mary, (c) Mary Buechel (adopted) (A B L E R)

" (7) LEANDER JOS. ABLER & ALFREDA MICHELS (1 boy, 4 girls)

" (a) Kathleen, (b) Sandra, (c) Susan, (d) Michael, (e) Mary Jo (A B L E R)

" (8) LORRAINE M. ABLER & HAROLD HUBERTY (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) John, (b) Linda, (c) Mary Ann (H U B E R T Y)

" (10) JOHANNA LEONA ABLER & LEROY CHRIST (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) LeRoy, Jr., (b) Brenda Joan (C H R I S T)

NOTE: JOHANNA LEONIDA (1) and MARY (9) died in infancy; GREGORY (5) remained single.

The family of P E T E R A B L E R - II. Generation

III.
PETER ABLER - II. Generation

Peter Abler was born in Germany on November 12, 1829 and was 18 years of age when he came to America. He married Anna Maria Becker in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on April 9, 1856, with Peter Krons and M. Lawrence Emmerichs as witnesses before the Rev. George Rehrl, officiating. He settled in Empire County and the homestead he founded is in the hands of his offspring for the past 90 years. He lived to see his 78th birthday. He died on March 24, 1907.

" III. Generation: The children of

PETER ABLER & ANNA MARIA BECKER (6 boys, 4 girls)

" (1) KATE, born 1/9/1858, died 8/23/1939, wife of George Eggers.

" (2) MATHIAS, born 11/13/1859, died 1/8/1934, husband of Ellen Holohan.

" (3) ELIZABETH, born 1/9/1862, died 8/28/1933, single.

" (4) MICHAEL, born 2/28/1864, died 12/28/1943, husband of Agnes Petrie.

" (5) BARBARA, born 2/25/1866, died 8/30/1929, single.

" (6) PETER J., born 4/19/1868, died 7/23/1940, single.

" (7) CHRISTINE, born 1870 and died in infancy.

" (8) JOHN, born 10/8/1871, died 10/5/1946, single.

" (9) ANTHONY, (twin) born 10/8/1871 died in infancy.

" (10) JOSEPH, born 4/5/1874, died 11/15/1942, married Catherine Giebel 1/19/1904.

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Be not disturbed at being misunderstood; be disturbed at not understanding.

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III.
PETER ABLER - II Generation

The family of P E T E R A B L E R - II. Generation

" III. Generation: The children of

PETER ABLER & ANNA MARIA BECKER (See previous page)

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (1) KATE ABLER & GEORGE EGGERS (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Tillie, (b) Peter, (c) William (E G G E R S)

" (2) MATHIAS ABLER & ELLEN HOLOHAN (None)

" (4) MICHAEL ABLER & AGNES PETRIE (1 boy) (A B L E R)

" (a) Alfred became a priest and labored for 30 years as pastor of Dallas, S. Dakota (Diocese of Rapid City). He died on August 12, 1950.

" (10) JOSEPH ABLER & CATHERINE GIEBEL (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Nicholas, (b) Joseph, (c) Marie, (d) Francis

V. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) TILLIE EGGERS & JOHN WORM (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Virginia, (bb) George, (cc) Marion (died in infancy (W O R M)

" (1.b) PETER EGGERS & ANNA FENNER (None)

" (1.c) WILLIAM EGGERS & ALMA WILHELME (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Elaine, (bb) Grace, (cc) Howard, (dd) Maurice (E G G E R S)

" (10.a) NICHOLAS ABLER & IRENE TWOHIG (4 girls)

" (aa) Catherine Ann, (bb) Barbara Irene, (cc) Mary Joan, (dd) Judith Therese (A B L E R)

" (10.c) MARIE ABLER & ARTHUR NETKO (1 girl)

" (aa) Patricia Ann (N E T K O)

NOTE: JOSEPH (10.b) and FRANCIS (10.d) died in infancy.

III.
PETER ABLER - II Generation (Continued)

" VI. Generation: The children of

" (1,a,aa) VIRGINIA WORM & JOHN VAN INGEN (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Daniel John, (bbb) John Fred, (ccc) Mary Catherine (V A N I N G E N)

" (1,a,bb) DR. GEORGE WORM & RUTH STELL (2 boys, 6 girls)

" (aaa) Jacqueline Mary, (bbb) John Gerritt, (ccc) Susan Christine, (ddd) Mary Lynne, (eee) Jane Heather, (fff) James Fred, (ggg) Julie Anne, (hhh) Catherine Ann (W O R M)

" (1,c,aa) ELAINE EGGERS & NATHAN BROWN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Mary, (bbb) John (B R O W N)

" (1,c,bb) GRACE EGGERS & WALTER MITCHELL (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Billy, (bbb) Patti Ann (M I T C H E L L)

" (1,c,cc) HOWARD EGGERS & BETTY JAEGER (None)

" (10,c,aa) PATRICIA ANN NETKO & RAYMOND SCHUH (None)

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Profanity

A lad in Boston, rather small for his years, worked in an office as an errand boy for four men who did business there. One day the men were chaffing him about being so small, and said to him: "You never will amount to much; you never can do business; you're too small."

The little fellow looked at them. "Well," he said, "small as I am I can do something which none of you four can do." "Ah, what is that?" they asked. "I don't know that I ought to tell you." But they were anxious to know and urged him to tell what he could do that none of them was able to do. "I can keep from swearing," said the little fellow with confidence. The four men did not question him further.

- Topical Illustrations

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The family of J O H N A B L E R - II. Generation

(IV) JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

He was born in the region of Coblenz, Germany, on January 18, 1832, came to America in 1847, a lad of 15, married MARY MARGARET WAGNER in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, on November 22, 1859. He died at the age of 81 on October 11, 1912. Mrs. Abler died at the age of 72 on November 25, 1905.

" III. Generation: The children of

" JOHN ABLER & MARY MARGARET WAGNER

" (1) MATHIAS, born 8/20/60, bapt. 8/27/60, died 5/14/1946

" (2) CATHERINE, born 9/14/61, bapt. 9/14/61, died 7/17/1942

" (3) HENRY, born 7/19/63, bapt. 7/20/63, died 7/13/1921

" (4) ELIZABETH, born 12/2/64, bapt. 12/2/64, died 5/7/1867

" (5) JOSEPH, born 7/2/65, bapt. 7/4/65, died 4/18/1868

" (6) PHILIP, born 6/20/67, bapt. 6/25/67, died 6/11/1935

" (7) BARBARA, born 8/5/71, bapt. 8/6/71, died 2/25/1942

" (8) ANNA CATHERINE, born 7/5/73, bapt. 7/8/73

NOTE: (2) and (3) CATHERINE and HENRY remained single.
(4) and (5) ELIZABETH and JOSEPH died in infancy.
(8) ANNA CATHERINE entered the convent as a NOTRE DAME nun, choosing the name SISTER M. LEVINA in 1888.

The following pages are devoted to recounting the geneology of grandfather's sons and daughters, i.e. (1) MATHIAS, (6) PHILIP and (7) BARBARA. But, because God did not bestow the blessing of a family on Uncle Philip, we must content ourselves with stating that he married CHRISTINE STOLLENWERK in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary on September 9, 1907.

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Egotism: That certain something that enables a man in a rut to think he's in the groove.

-"The Liguorian"

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The family of M A T H I A S A B L E R - III. Generation

IV. JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

(1) MATHIAS ABLER (Son) - III. Generation

MATHIAS ABLER, the writer's father was born on August 20, 1860 and lived to see 85 years pass. At the age of 23 he married CATHERINE STEPHANY in St. John the Baptist Church, Johnsburg. Mother was born October 31, 1863, not more than two miles away from Father's home. In the course of the 61 years of their married life, they probably moved seven times, but never more than three miles at a time. Not until they had observed the 50th Anniversary of their wedded life, did they travel beyond the borders of Wisconsin. This first trip took them to New York for a three week's vacation. Father died on May 14, 1946, to be followed by Mother on August 28, 1948. While Father was being waked, Mother remarked, "Even after you have lived with a man for more than 60 years, you still miss him very much when he is dead." While she survived him by two years, her interest in life was gone.

" IV. Generation: The children of

" MATHIAS ABLER & CATHERINE STEPHANY

"	(1)	PHILIP,	born 1/10/84,	bapt.	St.	Joe	Church	1/24/84
"	(2)	ALOYSIUS,	" 8/27/85,	"	"	"	"	8/27/85
"	(3)	JULIUS,	" 3/10/87,	"	"	"	"	3/18/87 Died in infancy
"	(4)	HENRY,	" 5/31/88,	"	"	"	"	6/2/88
"	(5)	LEO,	" 5/29/90,	"	Holy	Cross	"	5/31/90
"	(6)	NICK,	" 3/28/92,	"	"	"	"	3/29/92
"	(7)	HERMAN	" 8/6/94,	"	"	"	"	8/6/94
"	(8)	LIDWINA	" 6/18/96,	"	"	"	"	6/20/96, died 8/29/96
"	(9)	ANTHONY	" 10/20/97,	"	"	"	"	10/21/97
"	(10)	GERMAINE	" 5/3/99,	"	"	"	"	5/4/99
"	(11)	BENEDICT,	" 6/23/01,	"	"	"	"	6/26/01
"	(12)	MARIE,	" 7/21/03,	"	"	"	"	7/22/03
"	(13)	GEORGE,	" 8/22/05,	"	"	"	"	8/23/05-died 8/21/55

NOTE (2) ALOYSIUS became a Capuchin 8/14/07 and was given the name: FR. CYPRIAN; he was ordained 6/7/14 in his home parish in Mt. Calvary. He served in Detroit 11 years, Yonkers (as Guardian & Pastor) 11 years, in Appleton 9 years, St. Francis, Milwaukee 4 years, as Minister Provincial 6 years, Superior in Saginaw 3 years.

(IV) JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

The family of P H I L I P N. A B L E R - IV. Generation

PHILIP N. ABLER (Grand-son)

" V. Generation: The children of

PHILIP ABLER & CLARA MIHM who were married in the church of St. Cloud, Wisconsin on Oct. 4, 1910. Philip was 27 and Clara (born 5/2/86) was 24. Clara died on August 13, 1948. Eight years thereafter Philip married Gertrude Goeser (viz. 8/18/56) only to lose her through death on June 5, 1958.

	Name	Date of Birth - Date of Baptism and Church
"	(1) SYLVESTER,	6/29/11; - 7/3/11; - St. Cloud; Married MILDRED LISOWE (Jericho) 6/8/37
"	(2) STANLEY,	10/22/13; - 10/26/13 - St. Cloud; Married ETHEL BITTNER (St. Cloud) 9/2/35
"	(3) VERA,	7/20/16; - 7/23/16 - St. Cloud; Married Dr. VAL BAUS (St. Cloud) 8/3/39
"	(4) RUTH,	12/22/17; - 12/26/17 - St. Cloud; Married BERNARD CALVEY (St. Cloud) 11/24/38
"	(5) M. ALICE,	11/10/20; - 11/14/20 - St. Cloud; Married JOHN G. BAUS (St. Cloud) 9/1/41
"	(6) DORIS,	6/1/23; - 6/4/23 - St. Cloud; Married JOSEPH EIRING, (St. Cloud) 1/18/47
"	(7) GORDON,	2/15/26; - 2/21/26 - St. Cloud; Married VERNA KREBSBACH, (St. Cloud) 5/28/49
"	(8) PHYLLIS,	3/5/28; - 3/10/28 - St. Cloud; Married RICHARD CLARK (St. Cloud) 2/19/49
"	(9) DONNA MAE,	10/19/35; - 10/20/35 - St. Cloud; Married FRANK DITTER (St. Cloud) 2/11/56

" NOTE: (8) Richard Clark died on duty (12/18/50) and so Phyllis married CYRIL AUSLOOS in St. Cloud Church on June 10, 1952.

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) SYLVESTER ABLER & MILDRED LISOWE (2 girls)

" (a) Lois Ann, (b) Rose Mary (A B L E R)

" (2) STANLEY ABLER & ETHEL BITTNER (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) Mark, (b) Audrey, (c) Michael, (d) Mary Catherine, (e) Timothy (A B L E R)

(IV) JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

PHILIP ABLER - IV. Generation (Grand-son)

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (3) VERA ABLER & VALENTINE BAUS (6 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Donald, (b) Richard, (c) David, (d) Denis, (e) Michael, (f) Charles, (g) Lore Ann, Donald attends Marquette U., Richard, St. Norbert College; David & Denis twins.

" (4) RUTH ABLER & BERNARD CALVEY (4 boys, 6 girls)

" (a) Thomas, (b) Karen, (c) Patricia, (d) Joseph, (e) Daniel, (f) Calvin, (g) Colleen, (h) Mary, (i) Colleen, (j) Kathleen (Thomas and Karen are twins)

NOTE: (2.a) MARK ABLER entered the Salvatorian Novitiat in 1958, choosing the name Frater Giles at Colfax, Iowa. Audrey is a registered nurse. Michael attends St. Norbert College.

" (5) MARY ALICE ABLER & JOHN G. BAUS (5 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Vernon, (b) William, (c) Thomas, (d) Catherine, (e) Philip, (f) Stephen, (g) Mary Ann, (h) Susan, (i) Claudia (B A U S)

" (6) DORIS ABLER & JOSEPH EIRING (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Mary Jo, (b) Cathie Lee, (c) Peter J., (d) Paul Robin)(E I R I N G)

" (7) GORDON ABLER & VERNA KREBSBACH (4 boys)

" (a) Terence, (b) Keith, (c) Duane, (d) Richard (Rickie) (A B L E R)

" (8) PHYLLIS ABLER & RICHARD CLARK (2 boys)

" (a) Timothy, (b) Robert (C L A R K)

" (9) PHYLLIS ABLER & CYRIL AUSLOOS (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) John, (b) Sheryl (A U S L O O S)

" (9) DONNA MAE ABLER & FRANK DITTER (None)

NOTE: (5.a) and (5.b) Vernon & William Baus are students at the Laurentianum minor seminary.
The above represents a total of 63 souls, viz. Philip and Clara Abler with three sons and six daughters, plus 45 grandchildren, viz. 27 boys and 18 girls.

VII. Generation: Children of

" (2.b) AUDREY ABLER AND CLARK R. COOLEY (None)

" (4.a) THOMAS CALVEY & SHARON STEIN (None)

The family of H E N R Y J. A B L E R - IV. Generation

IV.
JOHN ABLER

HENRY J. ABLER (Grand-son)

V. Generation: The children of

" HENRY ABLER & THERESA MIHM, who were married in the Church of St. Cloud, Wisconsin, on June 16, 1914; Henry, born 5/31/88, was 26 years of age, and Theresa, born 10/14/89, was 25.

" (1) ALICE MARIE, born 5/6/15, bapt. (St. Cloud Ch)5/9/15, died 5/19/15

" (2) ROGER, born 3/30/16, bapt. (St. Cloud Ch.) 4/2/16

" (3) GEORGENE, born 2/23/18, bapt. (St. Cloud Ch.) 2/25/18

" (4) RAMONA, born 3/18/20, bapt. (St. Cloud Ch.) 3/21/20

" (5) HELMA, born 8/5/22, bapt. (St. Cloud Ch.) 8/6/22

" (6) MARGARET, born 12/26/24, bapt. (St. Cloud Ch.) 1/1/25

" (7) DAVID, born 6/19/29, bapt.(Holy Cross Ch.,Mt. Calvary)6/23/29

VI. Generation: - The children of

" (2) ROGER ABLER & ELEANORE MALFATTI - married in Dubuque, Iowa, 9/2/39. Eleanore Malfatti Abler died on April 7, 1950 and Roger married Anne Janz in St. Malachy Church, Horicon, Wis., 1/15/51.

" (a) Douglas Abler, born 12/24/42; (b) Julia, born 8/10/45; and (c) Henry, born 10/9/47. (A B L E R)

" (3) GEORGENE ABLER & HERMAN FELDNER - married in St. Mary Church, Fond du Lac on June 8, 1940.

" (a) Linda Sue, born 10/18/42; (b) Paul David, born 3/11/46, (c) Joan Marie, born 6/28/50; (d) Stephen Jos., born 10/12/58 (F E L D N E R)

" (4) RAMONA ABLER & HAROLD KALLMYER - married in St. Francis Church, Milwaukee 11/8/45.

" (a) Theres, born 8/24/46; (b) John born 1/16/49 (K A L L M Y E R)

" (5) HELMA ABLER & PETER BETCHNER - married at St. Francis Church, Milwaukee 5/14/50 (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Jacqueline, born 9/3/53; (b) Andrew, born 1/9/57; (c) Joseph, born 3/18/59 (B E T C H N E R)

IV.
JOHN ABLER

HENRY J. ABLER (Grand-son) IV. Generation (Continued)

VI. Generation Continued

" (6) MARGARET ABLER & LEROY TENWINKEL - married at St. Francis Church, Milwaukee, 11/9/46 (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Mary, born 9/2/47; (b) Lucy, born 2/5/52; (c) Danny, born 3/27/58 (T E N W I N K E L)

" (7) DAVID ABLER & JEAN EVANS - Married in St. Francis, Friary 5/16/54 (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Dianne, born 4/19/55; (b) Billy, born 6/27/56 (A B L E R)

The family of Henry and Theresa Abler (nee Mihm) embraces 32 souls.

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How Much For God

The following is a series of questions once posed by Archbishop John Mark Gannon.

"Suppose God granted you a life of 70 years," the Archbishop asked, "how would it be distributed? How would you spend it? Statistics divide these 70 years in this way:

"Three years would be spent in education;
"Eight years in amusements;
"Six years at the dinner table;
"Five years in transportation;
"Four years in conversation;
"Fourteen years in work;
"Three years in reading;
"Twenty-four years in sleeping;
"How much time do you give to God? If you went to Mass every Sunday and prayed for five minutes every morning and evening, you would be giving FIVE MONTHS to God; five months out of 70 years of your life."

- The Monitor

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(GENEOLOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

IV.
JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

LEO ABLER - IV.Generation (Grand-son)

The family of L E O A B L E R - IV. Generation

V. Generation: The children of

" LEO ABLER & REGINA NEIS, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on October 5, 1916

" (1) HAROLD, born 7/20/17, bapt. in St. Claudius Church, St. Cloud

" (2) LAURA MAE, born 8/11/22, bapt. in St. Claudius Church, St. Cloud

" (3) EILEEN, born 2/26/24, bapt. in St. Claudius Church, St. Cloud

" (4) ANNE, born 10/20/34, bapt. in St. Anne Church, Milwaukee 11/11/34

" VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) HAROLD ABLER & ELIZABETH KOCHANSKI, married in St. Rose Church, Milwaukee, 6/22/46

" (a) Jane, born 8/25/47, bapt. in Church of the Gesu, Milwaukee, 9/14/47
" (b) David, born 6/26/50, bapt. in Church of the Gesu, Milwaukee 7/16/50
" (c) Christine, born 1/7/52, bapt. in Church of the Gesu, Milw., 1/27/52
" (d) Daniel, born 4/10/59, bapt. in St. Elizabeth Church, Milw., 4/25/59

" (2) LAURA MAE ABLER & THOMAS FELDMAN, married in St. Ann Church, Milwaukee 3/16/43

" (a) Thomas R., born 7/2/44, bapt. in Holy Angels Church, Milwaukee
" (b) Richard L, born 8/13/47, bapt. in St. Elizabeth Church, Milwaukee
" (c) Jeanne M., born 6/28/50, bapt. in St. Elizabeth Church, Milwaukee
" (d) Mary A., born 3/1/56, bapt. in St. James Church, Lannon

" (3) EILEEN ABLER & EUGENE SHERMAN, married in St. Anne Church, Milwaukee, 10/5/53

" (a) Barbara, born 10/11/54, bapt. 10/31/54, St. Lawrence Church, Milw.
" (b) Kathryn, born 9/16/55, bapt. 10/9/55, St. Agnes Church, Butler
" (c) Patricia, born 5/29/57, bapt. 6/16/57, St. Agnes Church, Butler
" (d) Daniel, born 4/14/59, bapt. 5/3/59, St. Agnes Church, Butler

" (4) ANNE ABLER & JOSEPH MC CABE, married in St. Anne Church, Milwaukee, 1/19/57

" (a) Paul Joseph, born 8/12/58, bapt. in St. Ambrose Church, Berkeley, California 8/3/58

The family of Leo Abler embraces 23 souls.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

IV. JOHN ABLER The family of N I C K A B L E R - IV. Generation

NICK ABLER (Grand-son)

V. Generation: The children of

" NICHOLAS ABLER & MARY SALCHERT, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on April 20, 1920. Nick, born 3/28/1892 was 28 years old, and Mary, born 12/28/96 was 24.

" (1) MARY ESTHER, born 4/9/21, bapt. 4/10/21, Holy Cross Church

" (2) VERNON JOHN, born 8/18/22, bapt. 8/20/22, Holy Cross Church

" (3) MYRTLE GERTRUDE, born 10/23/23, bapt. 10/28/23, Holy Cross Church, died 1/31/44

" (4) ELIZABETH CATH., born 5/5/28, bapt. 5/6/28, Holy Cross Church

" (5) ALOYS ENGELBERT, born 8/24/32, bapt. 8/28/32, Holy Cross Church

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) MARY ESTHER ABLER & JOSEPH J. LOTZER, who were married in Holy Cross Church Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on May 29, 1943. Joseph, born 5/17/19 was 24 years old, and Mary Esther was 22.

" (2) VERNON JOHN ABLER & ELIZABETH SCHRAGE, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on Feb. 9, 1946. Vernon was 24 years old and Elizabeth born 9/24/22 was 24.
(4 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Paul Louis, born 1/13/47, bapt. Holy Cross Church
" (b) Thomas Aloys, born 2/4/49, bapt. Holy Cross Church
" (c) Robert Joseph, born 6/20/50, bapt. Holy Cross Church
" (d) Catherine Verna, born 10/20/55, bapt. Holy Cross Church
" (e) Matthew Gregory, born 3/16/59, bapt. Holy Cross Church 3/28/59

" (4) ELIZABETH CATHERINE & HOWARD C. SMITH, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary on Aug. 29, 1953, Howard born 5/12/29 was 24 years old and Elizabeth was 25. (1 girl)

" (a) Katherine Smith, born 8/3/56

" (5) ALOYS ENGELBERT ABLER & VERNA BRANDMEIER, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary on Sept. 17, 1955, Aloys was 23 years old and Verna born on 2/27/33 was 22.

" (a) Patricia Abler, born 8/11/56
" (b) Margaret Ann Abler, born 11/26/57
" (c) Michael Abler, born 2/1/59

The family of Nick Abler embraces 20 souls. Nick Abler has been Postmaster of Mt. Calvary since 1934 .

IV.

JOHN ABLER

The family of HERMAN ABLER - IV. Generation

HERMAN ABLER (Grand-son)

V. Generation: The children of

" HERMAN ABLER & ASELLA HELZ, who were married in St. Michael Church, Milwaukee on October 19, 1926. Herman was 32 years old and Asella, born 11/29/97 was 29, died 11/13/56.

" (1) PAUL ROBERT, born 9/18/27, bapt. 10/2/27, St. Anne Church, Milw.

" (2) JOAN, born 10/15/28, bapt. 10/28/28, St. Anne Church, Milw.

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) PAUL ROBERT ABLER & GERALDINE BUTLER, who were married in St. Thomas Church, Milwaukee on September 10, 1949.

" (a) Suzanne Abler, born 7/8/50, bapt. 7/23/50, Gesu Church, Milw.
" (b) Barbara Abler, born 3/22/52, bapt. 4/5/52, St. John Ev.Ch.,Milw.
" (c) Jill Abler, born 2/26/55, bapt. 4/17/55, Mother of Good Counsel, Milwaukee
" (d) Paul Abler, born 10/30/58, bapt. 11/30/58, St. Catherine Church, Milwaukee

" (2) JOAN ABLER & DANIEL E. FARRELL, who were married in St. Thomas Church, Milwaukee on August 25, 1951

" (a) Timothy Farrell, born 1/29/53, bapt. 2/8/53, St. Lawrence Church, Milwaukee
" (b) John Farrell, born 3/9/54, bapt. 3/21/54, St. Lawrence Church, Milwaukee
" (c) David Farrell, born 1/8/59, bapt. 1/18/59, St. John Nepomac Church, Milwaukee

The family of Herman Abler embraces 13 souls.

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The most inflammable kind of wood is a chip on the shoulder.

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IV.
JOHN ABLER

The family of ANTHONY ABLER - IV. Generation

ANTHONY ABLER (Grand-son)

V. Generation: The children of

" ANTHONY ABLER & ALICE BLONIEN, who were married in St. Joseph Church, 1/6/20

" (1) ALBERTA ABLER, born 2/19/23, bapt. 11/17/23

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) ALBERTA ABLER & AMBROSE SCHLADWEILER, who were married in St. Philomena Church, Rudolph, Wisconsin on 6/15/46

" (a) Robert J. Schladweiler, born 1/14/47, bapt. in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 2/29/48

" (b) Joan Ann Schladweiler, born 2/16/48, bapt. 2/29/48 in SS. Peter & Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids

" (c) Linda Mae Schladweiler, born 7/24/51, bapt. in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 8/5/51

" (d) Marilyn Lee Schladweiler, born 11/12/54, bapt. in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 11/12/54, died 11/21/54

The family of Anthony Abler comprises 8 souls.

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In this world one must be a little too kind to be kind enough.

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IV.
JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

GERMAINE ABLER (Grand-daughter) - IV. Generation

The family of G E R M A I N E A B L E R - IV. Generation

V. Generation: The children of

" GERMAINE ABLER & JOSEPH WALBER, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on Oct. 24, 1924.

" (1) ALPHONSE WALBER, born April 15, 1925, bapt. in St. Charles Church, Charlesburg, April 17, 1925.

" (2) BEATRICE WALBER, (twin) born and bapt. same day, same place.

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) ALPHONSE WALBER & MARION WEITEKAMP, who were married in St. Agnes Church, Milwaukee on June 13, 1959

" (2) BEATRICE WALBER & LAVERNE PICKART, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on July 2, 1949.

" (a) Charles Anthony Pickart, born 3/28/55, bapt. St. Patrick Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 4/17/55

" (b) Anthony Frank Pickart, born 5/12/57, bapt. St. Patrick Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 5/26/57

The family of Germaine Abler embraces 8 souls.

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Always put off till tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

IV.
JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

BENEDICT W. ABLER - IV. Generation (Grand-son)

The family of B E N E D I C T W. A B L E R - IV. Generation

V. Generation: The children of

" BEN ABLER & ETHEL VAN ASTEN, who were married in St. Philomena Church, Rudolph, Wisconsin on Oct. 27, 1926.

" (1) LEROY ANTHONY, born 11/19/28, bapt. in St. Philomena Church, Rudolph 11/25/28

" (2) MERLIN NICHOLAS, born 3/22/32, bapt. St. Mary Church, Sheboygan Falls, 3/27/32

" (3) CATHERINE ANN, born 3/3/33, bapt. St. Mary Church, Sheboygan Falls, 3/23/33

" (4) CYRILLA ETHEL, born 9/1/34, bapt. St. Mary Church, Sheboygan Falls, 9/9/34

" (5) NORMAN CHRISTIAN, born 8/21/35, bapt. St. Philomena Church, 8/31/35

" (6) LAWRENCE WILLIAM, born 9/29/36, bapt. St. Philomena Church, 10/4/36

" (7) LOUIS MATHIAS, born 9/30/39, bapt. St. Philomena Church, 10/8/39

" (8) RONALD CORNELIUS, born 2/3/42, bapt. St. Philomena Church 2/8/42

" (9) JOYCE MAE, born 12/11/43, bapt. SS. Peter & Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 12/19/43

VI. Generation: The children of

" (2) MERLIN N. ABLER & MARYANN BENSON, who were married in SS. Peter & Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Sept. 7, 1957

" (a) Joanne Priscilla, born 3/6/59, bapt. University Chapel, Madison, 3/22/59

" (3) CATHERINE A. ABLER & GERALD D. ZIMMERMANN, who were married in SS. Peter & Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 6/18/55

" (a) April Lynn Ann Zimmermann, born 6/21/56, bapt. SS. Peter & Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 7/6/56

" (b) Scott Francis Zimmermann, born 8/14/57, bapt. Holy Angels Church, Milwaukee, 11/3/57

" (4) CYRILLA E. ABLER & JAMES BACK, who were married in SS. Peter & Paul Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 10/22/53

" (a) Joy Jean, born 9/26/54, bapt. St. James Church, Vesper, Wis., 10/10/54
" (b) Leslie Gene, born 10/5/55, bapt. " " " 10/23/55
" (c) Patty Jo, born 10/26/56, bapt. " " " 11/18/56
" (d) Gary Lee, born 4/4/58, bapt. " " " 5/11/58

" (5) NORMAN CHRISTIAN ABLER & DORIS GALES JENSEN, who were married in St. Luke, Wisconsin Rapids, 10/12/57

The family of Benedict Abler embraces 23 souls.

IV.
JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

MARIE ABLER - IV. Generation (Grand-daughter)

The family of M A R I E A B L E R - IV. Generation

V. Generation: The children of

" MARIE ABLER & ANTHONY FOX, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, on Nov. 13, 1923.

" (1) BERNARD FOX, born 8/27/24, bapt. St. Joseph Church, Fond du Lac 9/1/24

" (2) MARGARET FOX, born 3/19/27, bapt. St. Joseph Church, Fond du Lac, 3/20/27

" (3) ZITA CATHERINE FOX, born 4/27/33, bapt. St. Joseph Church, Fond du Lac, 5/10/33

" (4) ROSE MARIE FOX, born 10/6/38, bapt. St. Joseph Church, Fond du Lac, 10/20/38

VI. Generation: The children of

" (2) MARGARET FOX & LLOYD NELSON, who were married in St. Joseph Church, Fond du Lac, 6/30/51.

" (a) R. David Nelson, born 6/29/52, was duly baptized; died 2/26/53

" (3) ZITA CATHERINE FOX & MURRAY J. STINEMATES, who were married in St. Joseph Church, Fond du Lac, on Nov. 27, 1954.

" (a) Mary Jo Steinmates

" (b) Deborah Ann Steinmates

The family of Marie Abler embraces 11 souls.

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"My son went abroad ten years ago to make his fortune."
"And what is he worth now?"
"The New York police are offering $20,000 for information about him."

- Rally

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

IV.

JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

GEORGE W. ABLER - IV. Generation (Grand-son)

The family of G E O R G E W. A B L E R - IV. Generation

V. Generation: The children of

" GEORGE ABLER & DOROTHY BOHNSACK, who were married in St. John Baptist Church, Plymouth, Wisconsin, on Nov. 21, 1929.

" (1) PATRICIA ABLER, born 8/13/35, bapt. Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary 11/28/35

" (2) ROSE MARIE ABLER, born 12/27/39, bapt. St. Mary Church, Sheboygan Falls, 1/13/40

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1) PATRICIA ABLER & FLOYD REINEMANN, who were married in St. John Church, Kohler, Wisconsin on June 19, 1954.

" (a) George William, born 11/5/54, bapt. St. John Church, Kohler, Wisconsin, 11/28/54

" (b) Lorraine Marie, born 1/16/56, bapt. Corp. Christi Church, Minneapolis, 1/29/56

" (c) Dorothy Ann, born 9/9/57, bapt. Sacred Heart Church, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, 10/13/57

" (d) Susan Louise, born 9/18/58, bapt. St. Mary Church, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 10/26/58

The family of George W. Abler embraces 9 souls.

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According to history, most wars start in the spring. Some husbands have said that spring housecleaning has something to do with it.

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

IV.
JOHN ABLER - II. Generation

BARBARA ABLER - III. Generation (Daughter)

The family of B A R B A R A A B L E R - III. Generation

BARBARA was born August 5, 1871; she married John Schleyer in Holy Trinity Church, Milwaukee, on April 19, 1900; date of death 2/25/1946.

" IV. Generation: The children of

" BARBARA ABLER & JOHN SCHLEYER (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (1) LORETTA, (2) JOHN (S C H L E Y E R)

" V. Generation: The children of

" (1) LORETTA SCHLEYER & ARTHUR J. BURGER (2 boys, 3 girls)

" (a) John Donald, (b) David Arthur, (c) Barbara, (d) Mary Kathryn, (e) Jeanette Marie (B U R G E R)

" NOTE: (2) JOHN SCHLEYER never married; died at 47 in 1949.

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1.b) DAVID ARTHUR BURGER & ADELAIDE PARDEE (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) David A. Jr., (bb) Charles Pardee, died in infancy, (cc) Andrea Dean, (dd) John Edward (B U R G E R)

" (1.c) BARBARA BURGER & JOHN DOUGLAS MCGRATH (3 boys, 3 girls)

" (aa) Patrick J., (bb) Mary K., (cc) Kevin M., (dd) Maureen A., (ee) Margaret M., (ff) Brian L. (M C G R A T H)

" (1.d) MARY KATHRYN - not married

" (1.e) JEANETTE MARIE BURGER & CHARLES RESCHKA (1 girl)

" (aa) Anna Marie Baden (R E S C H K A) (adopted)

The genealogy of BARBARA ABLER embraces 23 souls.

JOHN ABLER

PHILIP ABLER (son) born June 6, 1869, married CHRISTINE STOLLENWERK, Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, September 9, 1907 - no children. Died 6/11/35.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

V. SOPHIA ABLER - II. Generation

The family of S O P H I A A B L E R - II. Generation

" III. Generation: The children of

SOPHIA ABLER & PHILIP ODENBRETT

" (1) ELIZABETH, (2) WILLIAM, (3) ANNA, (4) CATHERINE, (5) CLARA, (6) GEORGE, (7) MARY, (8) JOHN JOSEPH (who died in infancy)

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (1) ELIZABETH ODENBRETT & HERMAN F. SCHEIDHAUER (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Herman, (b) George, (c) Marie, (d) Philip, (e) Helen (S C H E I D H A U E R)

NOTE: Herman (1.a) and Marie (1.c) remained single.

" (2) WILLIAM ODENBRETT & GRETCHEN MALMAN (3 girls - all 3 deceased)

" (a) Eta, (b) Willa, (c) Marjorie (O D E N B R E T T)

" (3) ANNA ODENBRETT & JOHN MALLON (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Joseph, (b) Mae, (c) James (M A L L O N)

" (4) CATHERINE ODENBRETT & EDWARD GRIEB (5 boys)

" (a) Leon, (b) Edward, (c) Florian, (d) Oliver, (e) Francis (G R I E B)

" (5) CLARA ODENBRETT & ROBERT BATES (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Clarence (deceased), (b) Mary (B A T E S)

" (6) GEORGE ODENBRETT (Killed in an explosion)

" (7) MARY ODENBRETT & JOSEPH MERKEL (2 girls)

" (a) Elsie, (b) Mary (M E R K E L)

NOTE: MARY MERKEL (7.b) became a nun, taking the name of SR. MARIE MARGARET SSJ.

V. Generation: The children of

" (1.b) GEORGE SCHEIDHAUER & GERTRUDE M. LAMMERS (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) George Philip, (bb) Doris Marie, (cc) Robert (S H A R E) for SCHEIDHAUER

V. SOPHIA ABLER

The family of S O P H I A A B L E R - II. Generation

V. Generation (Continued)

" (1.d) PHILIP SCHEIDHAUER & ARDOR CALLAND (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aa) Annita, (bb) Eileen, (cc) Jeanette, (dd) Philip H. (S H A R E) for SCHEIDHAUER

NOTE: ANNITA SHARE (1,d,aa) became a nun, choosing the name SR. MARY THERESA, O.S.F.

" (1.e) HELEN SCHEIDHAUER & CHARLES BRADFORD (4 boys, 3 girls)

" (aa) Helen, (bb) Charles (deceased), (cc) Delores (deceased), (dd) William (deceased), (ee) Philip, (ff) Mary, (gg) Robert (B R A D F O R D)

NOTE: DELORES BRADFORD (1,e,cc), a stewardess, was a victim of a plane crash in 1952 - age 24.

" (3.a) JOSEPH MALLON & _____ (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Jane, (bb) Paul (M A L L O N)

" (3.b) MAE MALLON & _____ (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Donald, (bb) Jane

" (4.a) LEON GRIEB & LOLA PRINS (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Donald, (bb) Howard, (cc) Warren, (dd) Audrey (G R I E B)

" (4.b) EDWARD GRIEB & FLORENCE KELLY (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Thomas Russell, (bb) Patricia, (cc) William (G R I E B)

" (4.c) FLORIAN GRIEB & GRACE MC DERMOTT (2 boys)

" (aa) Robert, (bb) James (G R I E B)

" (4.d) OLIVER GRIEB & MARY MOSS (None)

" (4.e) FRANCIS GRIEB & BARBARA ZUEGE (2 girls)

" (aa) Mary, (bb) Barbara (G R I E B)

" (5.b) MARY BATES & _____

" (aa) Anthony John

" (7.a) ELSIE MERKEL & EDWARD MC INTYRE (None)

V. SOPHIA ABLER

The family of S O P H I A A B L E R - II. Generation

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1,d,bb) EILEEN M. SHARE & CARL PAGLUICA (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aaa) James, (bbb) Janet, (ccc) Jeanine L. (P A G L U I C A)

" (1,e,aa) JEAN HELEN BRADFORD & J. POWELL (2 girls)

" (aaa) Gail, (bbb) Gloria (P O W E L L)

" (4,b,aa) RUSSELL THOMAS GRIEB & HELEN YOUNISS (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aaa) Aimee, (bbb) Sarah, (ccc) Michael (G R I E B)

" (4,b,bb) PATRICIA GRIEB & STANTON J. PEARSON (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Mark, (bbb) Catherine, (ccc) Jeffrey, (ddd) David (P E A R S O N)

" (4,c,aa) ROBERT GRIEB & JOAN BERGHAMMER (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Mary, (bbb) Richard (G R I E B)

" (4,e,aa) MARY GRIEB & CHARLES SEIMERSHEIM (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Thomas, (bbb) Jane (S E I M E R S H E I M)

The total number of descendents of SOPHIA ABLER listed here is 99.

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Simple Method

For some reason, an exceptional amount of good advice on the art of oratory seems to come from old Negro preachers. One was asked how he managed always to preach such powerful sermons. "It's easy," he declared. "I just studies myself full. I thinks myself clear. I prays myself hot. And then I just lets go."

- Property

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VIII. ELIZABETH ABLER - II. Generation

The family of E L I Z A B E T H A B L E R - II. Generation

The family of ELIZABETH ABLER requires sub-divisions, which will branch off the large number of children and children's children in an orderly fashion; for, while the total number of descendents is far from that of MARGARET ABLER WALGENBACH, it is large enough to justify this procedure for the sake of good order. Thus we will list ELIZABETH under the Latin equivalent of 8, (VIII.), the members of her family under Roman numbers (1, 2, 3 etc.) her grand-children under the small letters of the alphabet (a,b,c, etc.), her great-grand-children under two small letters of the alphabet (aa,bb,cc,etc.) and so down the line.

III. Generation: The children of

" ELIZABETH ABLER & PETER BIEGEL, who were married in Holy Trinity Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 6, 1859.

" (1) CATHERINE, (2) ELIZABETH, (3) MARY, (4) HENRY, (5) NICHOLAS, (6) JOSEPH, (7) ADELE, (8) LOUIS (B I E G E L)

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (1) CATHERINE BIEGEL & HENRY SURGES (5 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Urban, (b) Ernest, (c) Henry, (d) Edwin, (e) Linda, (f) Viola, (g) Alphonse (S U R G E S)

" V. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) URBAN SURGES & MINNIE BUCHHOLZ (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Violet, (bb) Merrill (S U R G E S)

NOTE: ERNEST SURGES (1.b) died in childhood.

" (1.c) HENRY SURGES & MILLIE CLAUSEN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Anita, (bb) Leroy (S U R G E S)

" (1.d) EDWIN SURGES & BESSIE MICHAELS (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Rita, (bb) Robert (S U R G E S)

" (1.e) LINDA SURGES & WILLIAM PETERS (1 boy)

" (aa) Henry (P E T E R S)

" (1.f) VIOLA SURGES & MATHIAS SCHWERTZLER (1 girl)

" (aa) Mildred (S C H W E R T Z L E R)

" (1.g) ALPHONSE SURGES & MABEL CARROLL (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Carroll, (bb) Raymond, who died in infancy, (cc) Mary (dd) Elizabeth (S U R G E S)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

VIII. ELIZABETH ABLER - II. Generation

1. CATHERINE BIEGEL - III. Generation (Daughter)

The family of C A T H E R I N E B I E G E L

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1,a,aa) VIOLET SURGES & JOHN TREUTELAAR (2 boys)
" (aaa) John, (bbb) Robert (T R E U T E L A A R)

" (1,a,bb) MERRILL SURGES & RUTH SURGES (2 boys, 1 girl)
" (aaa) Merrill, (bbb) Patricia, (ccc) Roland (S U R G E S)

" (1,c,aa) ANITA SURGES & ANTHONY CICAK (None)

" (1,c,bb) LEROY SURGES & ISABELLE KUBIAK (1 girl)
" (aaa) Dianne (S U R G E S)
" (1,d,aa) RITA SURGES & HARVEY ALLEN (2 girls)
" (aaa) Linda, (bbb) Carol (A L L E N)
" (1,d,bb) ROBERT SURGES & LILLIAN FIEDOR (1 boy, 1 girl)
" (aaa) Patricia, (bbb) James (S U R G E S)

" (1,e,aa) HENRY PETERS & DOLORES TOBIN (3 boys, 1 girl)
" (aaa) Gerald, (bbb) Dennis, (ccc) William, (ddd) Linda (P E T E R S)
" (1,f,aa) MILDRED SCHWERTZLER & RAYMOND GRIESEMER (2 boys)
" (aaa) Thomas (bbb) Michael (G R I E S E M E R)

" (1,g,aa) CARROLL SURGES & MAE KRUGER (No children)

" (1,g,cc) MARY SURGES & GLENN DOROW (1 boy, 2 girls)
" (aaa) Christine, (bbb) Michael, (ccc) Patricia (D O R O W)

" (1,g,dd) ELIZABETH SURGES & WILLIAM NELSON (1 boy)
" (aaa) Gary (N E L S O N)

VII. Generation: The children of

" (1,a,aa) JOHN TREUTELAAR & BETTY HORA (1 boy)

" (aaa) Mark (T R E U T E L A A R)

" (1,e,aa) GERALD PETERS & VALERIA VALENTE (1 girl)

" (aaa) Corynne (P E T E R S)

The family of CATHERINE BIEGEL SURGES embraces 62 souls.

VIII. ELIZABETH ABLER - II. Generation

4. HENRY BIEGEL - III. Generation (Son)

The family of H E N R Y B I E G E L

NOTE: Observe, please, that ELIZABETH BIEGEL, second daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Biegel, married Joseph Hautman and that one daughter was born to them. But because the daughter, LINDA HAUTMAN, remained single her genealogy terminates with her. Observe, moreover, that MARY BIEGEL, the third child of Peter & Elizabeth Biegel, married ANTHONY WELZEL but they were not blessed with offspring.

" IV. Generation: The children of

" HENRY BIEGEL & MARY BINDNER (1 boy)

" (a) Henry (B I E G E L)

NOTE: After the death of Mary, nee Bindner HENRY BIEGEL married Miss Nielen.

" HENRY BIEGEL & ANTOINETTE NIELEN (1 boy, four girls)

" (b) Raymond, (c) Genevieve, (d) Elizabeth, who remained single, (e) Catherine, (f) Gertrude (B I E G E L)

V. Generation: The children of

" (a) HENRY BIEGEL JR. & MARY STEINECKER (No children)

" (b) RAYMOND P. BIEGEL & PHILOMENA MOHR (3 boys, 7 girls)

" (aa) Dorothy, (bb) Beatrice, (cc) Robert J., (dd) Elizabeth J., (ee) Mary Ann, (ff) Joan Marie, (gg) Philip J., (hh) Nancy Ellen, (ii) Eugene J., (jj) Dawn Carol (B I E G E L)

" (c) GENEVIEVE BIEGEL & RAYMOND A. MORRIS (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Raymond, Jr., (bb) Thomas, (cc) Marguerite (M O R R I S)

" (e) CATHERINE BIEGEL & P. MC DONALD (None)

" (f) GERTRUDE BIEGEL & RICHARD PATTERSON (2 boys)

" (aa) Richard, Jr., (bb) Gregory (P A T T E R S O N)

After Mr. Patterson's death Gertrude married John Schunk (no children).

" VI. Generation: The children of

" (b,aa) DOROTHY M. BIEGEL & JOSEPH G. AMBROSE (4 boys)

" (aaa) Galen, (bbb) Patrick, (ccc) Denis, (ddd) Wayne A. (A M B R O S E)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

VIII. ELIZABETH ABLER - II. Generation

4. HENRY BIEGEL - III. Generation (Son)

The family of H E N R Y B I E G E L - III. Generation

VI. Generation: The children of

" (b,aa) DOROTHY M. BIEGEL & JOSEPH G. AMBROSE (4 boys)

" (aaa) Galen, (bbb) Patrick, (ccc) Denis, (ddd) Wayne A. (A M B R O S E)

" (b,bb) BEATRICE BIEGEL & MICHAEL NICPON (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aaa) Patricia, (bbb) Michael, (ccc) Carol, (ddd) Henry (N I C P O N)

" (b,cc) ROBERT BIEGEL & LUCILLE NICE (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Diana, (bbb) Ronald (B I E G E L)

" (b,dd) ELIZABETH J. BIEGEL & JOHN WYLAND (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Jay, (bbb) Robin, (ccc) Susan (W Y L A N D)

" (b,ee) MARY ANN BIEGEL & EUGENE MC BRIDE (2 boys)

" (aaa) Christopher, (bbb) Paul Scott (M C B R I D E)

" (b,ff) JOAN MARIE BIEGEL became a nun and took the name SR. JOAN MARIE, C.PP.S.

" (b,gg) PHILIP J. BIEGEL & MARGARET FLEMING (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aaa) Marcia, (bbb) Stephen, (ccc) Cindy, (ddd) Sharon Ann (B I E G E L)

" (b,hh) NANCY ELLEN BIEGEL & EDWARD D. COUGHLIN (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Edward Dennis, (bbb) Laurie, (ccc) Kenneth (C O U G H L I N)

" (b,ii) EUGENE J. BIEGEL & DAWN CAROL BIEGEL are still single.

" (c,aa) RAYMOND T. MORRIS & LYNN ANN WYSOCKI (3 girls)

" (aaa) Mary Beth, (bbb) Patricia Ann, (ccc) (M O R R I S)

" (c,bb) THOMAS MORRIS & DOROTHY MATCHELL (1 boy)

" (aaa) David (M O R R I S)

" (c,cc) MARGUERITE MORRIS & THOMAS ADAMS (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Jason (bbb) Jean Marie (A D A M S)

The total number of souls in the family of Henry Biegel is 73.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

VIII. ELIZABETH ABLER - II. Generation

(5) NICHOLAS BIEGEL - III. Generation (Son)

The family of N I C H O L A S B I E G E L

IV. Generation: The children of

NICHOLAS BIEGEL & JULIA MC KOVICH (2 boys)

" (a) ARTHUR, (b) GEORGE (B I E G E L)

NOTE: ARTHUR never married. He died 7/24/59

V. Generation: The children of

" GEORGE BIEGEL & MARGARET DERSCH (1 girl)

" (a) Lucille (B I E G E L)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (a) LUCILLE BIEGEL & FRED KRONER (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Denis, (bb) Mary, (cc) Fred, (dd) Robert (ee) Catherine (K R O N E R)

NOTE: Nicholas Biegel's first wife died. Later he married EDNA THIEBEN. One girl was born, viz. THECLA BIEGEL.

6. JOSEPH BIEGEL (son)

The family of J O S E P H B I E G E L - III. Generation

IV. Generation: The children of

" JOSEPH BIEGEL & EMMA CLAUSEN (1 girl)

" (aa) Florence (B I E G E L)

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The most amazing thing about amazing things is how little they amaze the younger generation.

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

VIII. ELIZABETH ABLER - II. Generation

(7) ADELE BIEGEL - III. Generation (Daughter)

The family of A D E L E B I E G E L - III. Generation

IV. Generation: The children of

" ADELE BIEGEL & WILLIAM WILLIS (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) Foster, (b) William A., (c) Mildred, (d) Warren (W I L L I S)

" V. Generation: The children of

" (a) FOSTER WILLIS & ANNA KASTNER (None)

" (b) WILLIAM A. WILLIS & DORIS V. HAMER (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) Barbara, (bb) William Robert, (cc) Marcia R. (W I L L I S)

" (c) MILDRED WILLIS & RICHARD MANTEY (1 boy)

" (aa) Richard, Jr. (M A N T E Y)

" (d) WARREN WILLIS & VIRGINIA RANES (2 boys)

" (aa) Thomas, (bb) William (W I L L I S)

" VI. Generation: The children of

" (b,aa) BARBARA A. WILLIS & RICHARD D. FARROW (3 boys)

" (aaa) Robert B., (bbb) Richard W., (ccc) Randy L. (F A R R O W)

" (b,cc) MARCIA R. WILLIS & GERALD WAGNER (None)

" (b,bb) WILLIAM ROBERT - Still single

The family of ADELE BIEGEL WILLIS numbers 21 souls.

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Opportunity knocks but once, but temptation keeps humming away all the time.

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

VIII. ELIZABETH ABLER - II. Generation

(8) LOUIS BIEGEL - III. Generation (Son)

The family of L O U I S B I E G E L - III. Generation

IV. Generation: The children of

LOUIS F. BIEGEL & ELEANOR RATKE (3 boys, 4 girls)

" (a) Lloyd, (b) Adelaide, (c) Elizabeth, (d) Margaret, (e) Marshall, (f) Franklin (B I E G E L)

V. Generation: The children of

" (1) LLOYD BIEGEL & LILLIAN PIESEK (1 boy)

" (a) James (B I E G E L)

" (2) ADELAIDE BIEGEL & HENRY TROEGER (None)

" (3) ELIZABETH BIEGEL & LESTER MALLON (1 girl)

" (a) Colleen (M A L L O N)

" (4) MARGARET BIEGEL & EDWARD TESS (2 girls)

" (a) Peggy, (b) Eleanor (T E S S)

" (5) MARSHALL BIEGEL & LILLIAN CARROA (2 boys)

" (a) Robert, (b) Kenneth (B I E G E L)

" (6) FRANKLIN BIEGEL & FRANCES A. GERZIN (None)

" (7) VIRGINIA BIEGEL & WILLARD FAGAN (1 boy)

" (a) Patrick (F A G A N)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (3,a) COLLEEN MALLON & THOMAS WUTKE (None)

" (4,a) PEGGY TESS & WILLIAM ERDMAN (None)

" (5,a) ROBERT BIEGEL & LORRAINE GARVEY (2 boys)

" (aa) Michael, (bb) Marshall (B I E G E L)

The total number of souls in the family of Louis Biegel is 28.

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

IX.
BARBARA ABLER - II. Generation

The family of B A R B A R A A B L E R - II. Generation

BARBARA ABLER was born in Germany and came to America with her parents in 1847. Her marriage to FRANK HARTZHEIM took place in Holy Cross Church, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin on May 3, 1859.

III. Generation: The children of

BARBARA ABLER & FRANK HARTZHEIM

" (1) MICHAEL, (2) JOHN, (3) FRANK, (4) NICHOLAS, (5) ANTHONY, (6) PHILIP, (7) ROSE (H A R T Z H E I M)

NOTE: Anthony (5) and Philip (6) died as children.

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (1) MICHAEL HARTZHEIM & MARY HAUSER (3 boys)

" (a) Lawrence, (b) Raymond, (c) Elmer (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (2) JOHN HARTZHEIM & IDA HANSON (1 boy, 1 girl

" (a) Dorothy, (b) Ralph (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (3) FRANK HARTZHEIM & ELIZABETH SCHWELLENBACH (2 boys)

" (a) Leon, (b) Erwin (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (4) NICHOLAS HARTZHEIM & MOLLY HAVERSACK (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (a) Marie, (b) Elizabeth, (c) Henrietta, (d) William (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (7) ROSE HARTZHEIM & ALBERT KOLBE (1 girl)

" (a) Irene (K O L B E)

" V. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) LAWRENCE HARTZHEIM & ETHEL THOMAS (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aa) John, (bb) Elizabeth, (cc) Jean(who died in childhood) (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (1.b) RAYMOND HARTZHEIM & MARGARET CALLAHAN (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) William, who perished with the DORCHESTER (2/3/43),
(bb) Robert, (cc) Mary (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (1.c) ELMER HARTZHEIM & IRMA SCHRAP (3 boys, 2 girls)

" (aa) Patricia, (bb) Leo Joseph, (cc) Mary Ruth, (dd) James,
" (ee) Paul, (died in World War II.)

IX. BARBARA ABLER - II. Generation

The family of B A R B A R A A B L E R - II. Generation

V. Generation (Continued)

" (2.a) DOROTHY HARTZHEIM & WALTER SCHROEDER (None)

" (2.b) RALPH HARTZHEIM & ANNA BAER (1 girl)

" (aa) Ruth, who remained single (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (3.a) LEON HARTZHEIM & CARLA LABAHN (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) James Arthur, (bb) Shirley (deceased), (cc) Gerald David (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (3.b) ERWIN HARTZHEIM & ETHEL HARVEY (1 girl)

" (aa) Joyce (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (4.a) MARIE HARTZHEIM & OTTO BUNTROCK (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Shirley, (bb) Robert (B U N T R O C K)

" (4.c) ELIZABETH HARTZHEIM & WILLIAM BAILEY (None)

" (4.d) WILLIAM HARTZHEIM & ELMA DRIER (None)

" (4.c) HENRIETTA remained single

" (7.a) IRENE KOLBE & ERWIN SCHLEIGER (None)

VI. Generation: The children of

" (1,a,aa) JOHN HARTZHEIM & BARBARA HUTTER (4 boys)

" (aaa) Michael, (bbb) Peter, (ccc) Lawrence (ddd) Paul (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (1,a,bb) ELIZABETH HARTZHEIM & ANTHONY BAUER (None)

" (1,b,bb) ROBERT HARTZHEIM & GRACE ZALERZENSKE (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aaa) William, (bbb) Robert, (ccc) Christine, (ddd) Margaret (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (1,b,cc) MARY ADDIS HARTZHEIM & CHARLES G. ADDIS (1 boy, 3 girls)

" (aaa) Catherine, (bbb) Lynn, (ccc) Barbara, (ddd) Michael (A D D I S)

" NOTE: PATRICIA (1,c,aa) and LEO JOSEPH (1,c,bb) remained single.

IX. BARBARA ABLER - II. Generation

The family of B A R B A R A A B L E R - II. Generation

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (1,c,cc) MARY RUTH HARTZHEIM & JAMES BRADY (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (aaa) Catherine, (bbb) Paul, (ccc) Karen (B R A D Y)

" (1,c,dd) JAMES HARTZHEIM & MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS (4 boys, 2 girls)

" (aaa) Michael, (bbb) John, (ccc) Thomas, (ddd) Peter, (eee) Ann, (fff) Margaret Mary (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (3,a,aa) JAMES A HARTZHEIM & LOIS WHYTE (2 boys)

" (aaa) Jeffrey, (bbb) Gregory (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (3,a,cc) GERALD D. HARTZHEIM & ALTHEA BITTNER (1 girl)

" (aaa) Linda (H A R T Z H E I M)

" (3,b,aa) JOYCE HARTZHEIM & HARVEY ETZEL (1 girl)

" (4,a,aa) SHIRLEY BUNTROCK & KENNETH MAYR (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Barbara, (bbb) Dale (M A Y R)

" (4,a,bb) ROBERT BUNTROCK & JEAN KAISER (3 boys, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Billy, (bbb) Bruce, (ccc) Mark, (ddd) Jeanne Marie (B U N T R O C K)

The family of Barbara Abler Hartzheim embraces 97 souls.

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Apologetic husband: "I know my words were sharp, but I have to get them in edgewise."

-"Liguorian"

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(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

X. CHRISTINE ABLER - II. Generation (Daughter)

The family of C H R I S T I N E A B L E R - II. Generation

III. Generation: The children of

" CHRISTINE ABLER & ANTHONY REICHLING (6 boys, 3 girls)

" (1) NICHOLAS, (2) JOHN, (3) ELIZABETH, (4) PETER, (5) ANNA
(6) HENRY, (7) MICHAEL, (8) GEORGE, (9) REGINA

" IV. Generation: The children of

" (1) NICHOLAS REICHLING & KATHRYN DINAUER (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) Marie, (b) Grace, (c) Joseph, (d) Frank (R E I C H L I N G)

" (2) JOHN REICHLING & ROSE WHALEN (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (a) John Anthony, (b) Leo Joseph, (c) Rosella Marie
(R E I C H L I N G)

" (3) ELIZABETH REICHLING & CHARLES THIENEL (1 boy, 2 girls)

" (a) Joseph, (b) Elizabeth, (c) Marie (T H I E N E L)

" (8) GEORGE REICHLING & KATHRYN FEYEN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (a) Adele, (b) George, Jr. (R E I C H L I N G)

" V. Generation: The children of

" (1.a) MARIE REICHLING & FRANK BEAU (3 girls)

" (aa) Mary Catherine, (bb) Jean, (cc) Shirley (B E A U)

" (1.b) GRACE REICHLING & GERMAIN HEUS (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) Ralph, (bb) Alice (H E U S)

" (1.c) JOSEPH REICHLING became a priest (Ordained in 1937) and is presently pastor of St. Anthony Church, Fussville, Menominee Falls P.O.

" (1.d) FRANK REICHLING & LORETTA BEAU (6 boys, 4 girls)

" (aa) Irene, (bb) Frank Jr., (cc) Dorothy, (dd) Paul (ee) David, (ff) Donald, (gg) Peter, (hh) Mary Jane, (ii) Michael, (jj) Barbara (R E I C H L I N G)

" (2.a) JOHN ANTHONY REICHLING & MARGARET KOHNEN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aa) John, (bb) Joan (R E I C H L I N G)

X. CHRISTINE ABLER - II. Generation (Daughter)

The family of C H R I S T I N E A B L E R - II. Generation

V. Generation (Continued)

" (2.b) LEO JOSEPH died in 1931, age 16.

" (2.c) ROSELLA MARIE REICHLING became a Sister of St. Agnes in 1925, choosing the name SISTER M. IRMA C.S.A.

NOTE: The children of ELIZABETH REICHLING (3), i.e. Joseph, Elizabeth, and Marie THIENEL became religious: viz. JOSEPH, a Capuchin (7/7/14) choosing the name OTTO: he was ordained a priest 5/17/21 and labored 26 years. He died on March 11, 1947. ELIZABETH and MARIE joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in LaCrosse - ELIZABETH as SISTER M. ROSIBIA FSPA and MARIE as SISTER M. ROSILDA FSPA in 1915 and 1920 respectively. As a crowning development their father, CHARLES THIENEL became a Third Order brother in Holy Cross Friary, Mt. Calvary in 1918 and spent the last 32 years of his life as a religious brother. He died on February 26, 1950.

(4) PETER, (6) HENRY, and (9) REGINA remained single; (5) ANNA and (7) MICHAEL died in early childhood.

(8.a) ADELE REICHLING joined the Sisters of St. Agnes as SISTER M. JOVITA C.S.A. in 1927.

V. Generation: (Continued)

" (8.a) GEORGE REICHLING JR. & THELMA TAGLIAPIETRA (2 girls)

" (aa) Jovita, (bb) Kathleen (R E I C H L I N G)

" VI. Generation: The children of

" (1.a.aa) MARIE CATHERINE BEAU & ROBERT HUMPHREY (1 girl)

" (aaa) Roberta Ann (H U M P H R E Y)

" (1.a.bb) JEANNE BEAU & URBAN SIPPEL (3 boys)

" (aaa) Leonard, (bbb) James, (ccc) Mark (S I P P E L)

" (1.a.cc) SHIRLEY BEAU & JOHN GOEBEL (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aaa) Patricia Ann, (bbb) John, Jr., (ccc) Charles (ddd) Karen (G O E B E L)

" (1.b.aa) RALPH HEUS & OLGA D. WOELFEL (1 boy)

" (aaa) Michael (H E U S)

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

X. CHRISTINE ABLER - II. Generation (Daughter)

The family of C H R I S T I N E A B L E R - II. Generation

VI. Generation (Continued)

" (1.b.bb) ALICE HEUS & ROBERT THIELMAN (1 boy, 1 girl)

" (aaa) Sandra Ann, (bbb) Gary Lee (T H I E L M A N)

" (1.d.aa) IRENE REICHLING & HERBERT MUELLER (2 boys, 2 girls)

" (aaa) Edward, (bbb) Nancy, (ccc) Janice, (ddd) Ronald (M U E L L E R)

" (1.d.cc) DOROTHY REICHLING & KENNETH GROESCHEL (1 boy)

" (aaa) Kenneth Frank (G R O E S C H E L)

" (2.a.aa) JOHN REICHLING JR. & DOROTHY CONWAY (1 boy)

" (aaa) David John (R E I C H L I N G)

" (2.a.bb) JOAN REICHLING & GERARD GERLACH (None)

NOTE: (1.d.dd) PAUL REICHLING became a Capuchin 8/22/57, choosing the name DONAN and is presently in higher studies.

The genealogy of CHRISTINE ABLER embraces 76 souls.

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Our lives are problems in the four simplest operations of arithmetic. To bring them to perfection we must constantly add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Day by day we must add knowledge, wisdom, experience, skill. These things may not be had in bulk, but are acquired only little by little and added to that which we already possess.

We must subtract hate, envy, sloth, dishonesty, slowness and putting off duties. Nor can all of these faults be taken away at one time. We must multiply deeds of service and love. This is a matter in which we cannot stand still. If we are worth no more to humanity today than we were yesterday, the chances are that tomorrow we shall be worth less.

We must divide our time wisely. We have only twenty-four hours a day. If we do not carefully budget these hours, we shall find ourselves running short. They are not easy, these problems in life's arithmetic, but they must be worked out if we would pass life's final examination.

- Western Catholic

(GENEALOGY OF NICHOLAS & ELIZABETH ABLER)

XI. FRANK ABLER - II. Generation (Son)

The family of F R A N K A B L E R - II. Generation

III. Generation: The children of

FRANK ABLER & AMALIA BODDEN who were married in St. Gall Church, Milwaukee in October, 1877.

" (1) ALMA, (2) MARIE, (3) AUGUST (4) ALPHONSE J. (5) APPOLONIA (Lonie)

IV. Generation: The children of

" (2) MARIE ABLER & FRANK FIFIELD (1 boy)

" (a) Robert (F I F I E L D)

" (4) ALPHONSE J. ABLER & LILLIAN KRALOVETZ (1 girl)

" (a) Rosemary (A B L E R)

" (5) APPOLONIA ABLER & RAY KESSENICH (4 boys, 2 girls)

" (a) John Robert, (b) Marion Magdalen (c) Richard Henry (d) Thomas Aquinas, (e) Raymond Frank, (f) Janet Mary (K E S S E N I C H)

V. Generation: The children of

" (5.a) JOHN ROBERT KESSENICH & PATRICIA JORGENSON (2 boys, 1 girl)

" (aa) Gary John, (bb) David Joseph (cc) Kathleen Mary (K E S S E N I C H)

" (5.c) RICHARD HENRY KESSENICH & MARY ELLEN LAUER (4 boys)

" (aa) Thomas Richard, (bb) Joseph, (cc) Jerome Ray, (dd) Michael (K E S S E N I C H)

" (5.d) THOMAS AQUINAS KESSENICH & DOLORES HELLMICH (4 boys)

" (aa) Jeffrey Gerard, (bb) John Theodore, (cc) Thomas Joseph, (dd) James Alan (K E S S E N I C H)

" (5.e) RAYMOND FRANK KESSENICH & MARILYN VOGT (1 girl)

" (aa) Lynn Mary (K E S S E N I C H)

NOTE: (5.b) MARION MAGDALEN KESSENICH is single

(5.f) JANET MARY KESSENICH became a Franciscan nun 9/2/57 choosing the name SR. M. JOANISSA O.S.F.

THE END OF THE GENEALOGY PROPER

TIMELY REFLECTIONS ON

"WHAT CAME OF IT"

Anyone who traces the genealogy of his ancestors under the guidance of intelligent faith will soon come face to face with the realization that the same Divine Providence, which has guided mankind throughout its history, is also at work in his own family and has never ceased to be active from time immemorial. But this truth - to be seen - needs the perspective of time; for it is so large in its measurement, that men cannot perceive it at close range. The perspective of time - say 100 years - is necessary to see the traces of God's foot-steps, so to speak, in the developments of life.

This thought comes to mind as we approach the end of the long line of generations, which we have tried to follow out in these pages, and one is impressed in a very special manner as he notes the manner in which the generations approach or recede from the Christian point of view.

While it is admitted, that in the course of 125 years, which have elapsed since our Great-grandparents migrated from the thoroughly Catholic sections of Germany around Coblenz and scattered through cities and farming sections in a number of States, there have been some defections from the Faith of their forefathers: but, on the whole, only a very small proportion have slipped from those moorings. There is, therefore, a good deal of satisfaction and very solid cause for thanking God that the sound Christian up-bringing which was handed down from generation to generation, has borne fruit and is still sturdy and strong today.

Another very evident sign of Christian tradition being in high honor may be seen in the fact, that religious vocations have been embraced by both sexes and the priestly vocation has been held in honor and has been followed out by not a few members of the family. And these considerations have so impressed this writer, that he feels he will strike a note of joy in the hearts of all who read this, by setting down at this time some reflections on what the PRIEST and the NUN stand for in Catholic tradition. This is done without in any way slighting the STATE OF MATRIMONY, which was the normal choice of the overwhelming majority, whose names are listed in these pages. Rather, the essential sublimity of the state of Motherhood and the honorable place it holds in God's world is beautifully illustrated in that edifying scene in the life of Pope St. Pius X who had the highest regard for his mother. I refer to the scene, which took place when - as the newly consecrated Bishop of Mantua, he showed his episcopal ring to his mother and permitted her to finger it. It is recorded that, when she had duly admired its beauty, she made the simple, but very telling remark, as she pointed to the wedding ring on her hand: "Son, you would not be wearing your splendid ring, were it not for this wedding ring."

And Bishop Kearney of Rochester, N.Y. told this story of a devoted mother, who after years of care and service, lay on her death bed. As she looked at her family gathered around her, she expressed concern for her eternity: "What shall I say when I stand before God to give an account of my life?"

One of her sons took her hands into his own and, seeing the traces of hard work with all the rugged services of motherhood, said to her: "Mother, say nothing, nothing, just show him your hands." (Unless this writer errs, Bishop Kearney was that son.)

In the light of this reflection, the description of WHAT IS A PRIEST and WHAT IS A NUN, which follows, sheds lustre also on parents, who have surrendered a son or a daughter to God's service.

WHAT IS A PRIEST?

(See "INFORMATION" Magazine, October, 1958, P. 54ss.)

A priest is a man and a mystery. This admittedly, does not begin to tell the whole story, but it is a good point of departure. Now, when we talk about the priest, his vocation, the supernatural, we begin with the statement:

A PRIEST IS A MAN AND A MYSTERY!!!

First, then, a priest is a man; and not only a man, but a manly man. No one else need apply or he will never stand the training, the obligations, the rigors of the priestly life. This, of course, does not mean that he must be endowed with the stature of a giant or that he must possess the strength of Atlas.

Being a man depends on qualities far more important than those that pertain to the body. It depends rather on those that are proper to the soul; on the ability to think and to judge and to act as a man. And to do so with a man's clearness, firmness and objectivity.

All this demands moral strength, spiritual stamina and mental toughness, which are found only in thorough-going men. The priesthood is no place for a prima donna; for one who - whatever his weight, height and muscles - is temperamental, emotional and immature. These are not the marks of a man. They may be the adornment of a male, who is not quite masculine enough for the priesthood. A priest, therefore, is and must be a man.

But, a priest is not only a man: He is also a mystery, not only to the world and to worldlings, he is a mystery also, to himself. And that mystery began at the instant he was first attracted to the priesthood.

That attraction was the Voice of our Lord inviting him to become a priest. But, why it was whispered into his ear and not into the ear of others more worthy than himself is a question shrouded in impenetrable mystery.

The mystery which surrounds the priest's vocation also surrounds his work. For he lives in an atmosphere of mystery. He is the steward of the "mysteries of God." Over and over again he is conscious of an unseen hand, a guiding Presence, a living concern that operates through his consecrated hands and his eyes and his lips and his tongue. He doesn't quite understand himself. He is as baffled as those who observe him.

Like his Master he walks among sinners and forgives their sins without detriment to either his reputation or his virtue. He imparts strength and courage beyond any possible to a mere man. He maintains a lively interest in a man's physical needs, yet never allows himself to lose sight of his spiritual needs. If there were no other evidence of the mystery that hangs heavy over the priest, except this, it would be sufficient to demonstrate the mysterious nature of his calling, but other evidence exists. It is seen in the eternity to which he directs all his efforts, in the immortal souls whose salvation is his chief concern and in the means he employs to bring these souls to the home prepared for them before the foundation of the world.

To this end he celebrates Holy Mass, confers the Sacraments, prays in the name of the Church and, in general, offers himself as an oblation on the altar of sacrifice. Here too, the mystery is overwhelming, but no more so than the mystery which engulfs the person of the priest. He is different in a way people can recognize, but not define. He is apart, but not aloof. He belongs to everyone, yet to no one. He is a member of every family, yet not even his own can claim him. He passes from the Holy of Holies to the market-place and back again without effort and without harm. He is an ancient even as a young priest and an unspoiled child as a Golden Jubilarien. He lives among men, but he is never one of them.

And so it is little wonder that he stands out from among his fellows, for - while he is a man, he is both to himself and to all who contact him - A MYSTERY!!!!

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WHAT IS A NUN?

(By Michael Cody C.M.F.- Claretian) p.59

Nuns come in assorted sizes, weights and wimples. They are found everywhere. Little children idolize them, teen-agers puzzle them, lay people reverence them, priests try them, non-Catholics gawk at them and St. Joseph watches over them.

A nun is Faith with chalk on her hands; Hope with a patched habit and LOVE with her hair clipped short.

A nun has the neatness of a pin, the trust of a child, the daring of a paratrooper, the perseverance of a bill collector, the energy of a vest pocket atomic bomb, the authority of an encyclopedia, and the versatility of a trouble shooter.

She loves the Blessed Mother, likes a good meditation book, ice cream, Friday afternoons, a letter from home, the Nun's Day. She is not too keen on summer school, long sermons, correcting home-work, getting up early, or grumpy pastors.

No one else is so quick to praise, so slow to censure. No one else can give you a licking and cry while she is going it. No one else can tell stories, or skip rope, or write on the blackboard as well.

A nun is a wonderful creature. You can dirty her classroom, but her devotion remains unsullied. You can sass her back, but her prayers for you are redoubled. You can tax her patience, but never deny her influence for good. A nun is all this and more, for she is God's sweetheart and it is no wonder he loves her.

In order to justify the encomiums of the vocation to the priesthood and religious life contained in the foregoing pages it may be noted that God honored both "pioneering families" by extending his invitation to a goodly number of their sons and daughters, and that the invitation was accepted by a sizeable number of youths and maidens, who embraced his calling, in which they hoped to find their way to happiness here and the better part in the hereafter.

Following are the names of our priests and students of theology:

(1) Aloys Abler, son of Mathias Abler & Catherine Stephany, (p. 61 of
Fr. Cyprian O.F.M.Cap. JOHN ABLER)

(2) Joseph Thienel, son of Charles Thienel & Elizabeth Reichling,
Fr. Otto O.F.M.Cap. (p. 89 of CHRISTINE ABLER)

(3) Alfred Abler, son of Michael Abler & Agnes Petrie (p. 58 of
(diocesan priest) PETER ABLER)

(4) Joseph Reichling, son of Nicholas Reichling & Catherine Dinauer
(p. 88 of CHRISTINE ABLER)

(5) Anthony Will, son of Albert Will & Odilia Lefeber (p. 17 of
THERESA STEPHANY)

(6) Herbert Francis Petrie, son of Urban Petrie & Mary Schmitz,
(p. 51 of MATHIAS ABLER)

(7) Mark Abler, son of Stanley Abler & Ethel Bittner, (p. 63 of
(Frater Giles S.D.S.) (In studies) JOHN ABLER)

(8) Paul Reichling, son of Frank Reichling & Loretta Beau (p. 90 of
(Frater Donan O.F.M.Cap.) (In studies) CHRISTINE ABLER)

NOTE: O.F.M.CAP. stands for (Order of Friars Minor Capuchin)

S.D.S. stands for (Society of the Divine Saviour

Following are the names of the young women who became nuns:

(1) Sophie Walgenbach, daughter of Nicholas Walgenbach & Margaret Abler
(Sr. Mary Rosebia SS.N.D.) (p. 20 of MARGARET ABLER)

(2) Mary Walgenbach, sister of the above...
(Sr. Mary Frances SS.N.D.)

(3) Anna C. Abler, daughter of John Abler & Mary Margaret Wagner
(Sr. M. Levina SS.N.D.) (p. 60 of JOHN ABLER)

(4) Amanda Wagner, daughter of William Wagner & Gertrude Stephany
(Sr. M. Ildefonse C.S.A.) (p. 15 of GERTRUDE STEPHANY)

(5) Catherine Rieder, daughter of John Rieder & Elizabeth Stephany
(Sr. M. Luellen O.P.) (P. 13 of ELIZABETH STEPHANY)

(6) Rosella Marie Reichling, daughter of John Reichling & Rose Whalen
(Sr. Mary Irma C.S.A.) (P. 89 of CHRISTINE ABLER)

(7) Adele Reichling, daughter of George Reichling & Kathryn Feyen
(Sr. M. Jovita, C.S.A.) (P. 89 of CHRISTINE ABLER)

(8) Elizabeth Thienel, daughter of Charles Thienel & Elizabeth Reichling
(Sr. M. Rosibia, F.S.P.A.) (P. 89 of CHRISTINE ABLER)

(9) Marie Thienel, sister of the above,(P. 89)
(Sr. M. Rosilda, F.S.P.A.)

(10) Virginia Nett, daughter of Louis Nett & Eleanor Fritz
(Sr. Louis Ellen O.S.F.) (P. 25 of MARGARET ABLER)

(11) Mary Esther Nett, sister of the above (P. 25)
(Sr. Rogeria O.S.F.

(12) Mary Margaret Merkel, daughter of Joseph F. Merkel
(Sr. Mary Margaret S.S.J.) (p. 75 of SOPHIE ABLER)

(13) Alice M. Petrie, daughter of Urban Petrie & Mary Schmitz
(Sr. Marie Rose, O.S.F.) (P. 52 of MATHIAS ABLER)

(14) Janet Mary Kessenich, daughter of Raymond Kessenich & Apollonia Abler
(Sr. M. Joanissa (O.S.F.) (P. 9 of FRANK ABLER)

(15) Joan Marie Biegel, daughter of Raymond P. Biegel & Philomena Mohr
(Sr. Jean Marie C.PP.S.) (P. 81 of ELIZABETH ABLER)

(16) Annita Share, daughter of Philip Share & Ardor Galland
(Sr. M. Theresa O.S.F.) (P. 76 of SOPHIA ABLER)

NOTE: All Sisters take Mary for their first name, indicated by "M".
SS.N.D. stands for Sisters of Notre Dame
C.S.A. stands for Congregation of St. Agnes
O.P. stands for Order of Preachers - Dominicans
F.S.P.A. stands for Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
S.S.J. stands for Sisters of St. Joseph
O.S.F. stands for Order of St. Francis
C.PP.S. stands for Sisters of the Most Precious Blood

After debating with himself on whether or not to set forth a patent evidence for the preceding paragraphs, the writer of this story decided in favor of publishing the following portion of the story in this setting.

Nothing is farther removed from the mind of the writer than the desire to glorify his own family which - by all standards - is a very ordinary family. But neither is there any reason for hiding what anyone might observe among ordinary people, especially the poor, namely a feeling of belonging together, a sense of loyalty and the wish to express these sentiments - not so much in words as - by the fact of their gathering under the parental roof at stated times in order to express in deed and in song their gratitude towards the originators of their lives as well as an unfeigned gladness of seeing one another at least once a year. Children of wealth and prospective heirs of fortunes may cultivate parents and curry favor; not so the poor who have no inheritance to look forward to. When they come home, one and all, there is no ulterior motive that brings them there.

And so a kind of unwritten agreement was reached in virtue of which the members of our family made it a practice to get together annually "in the good old summertime" for a "song fest", the memory of which lived on in very agreeable recollections and kept alive the hope for and the anticipation of the next annual get-together. Thus it came about that year after year there would be a KIRMESS of the Ablers in Mt. Calvary, and as the years went by, the gatherings grew and became larger and more and more enjoyable until the year 1945, when some 120 souls gathered for the last "pow-wow", while our parents lived. God called Father to his reward the year following, May 14, 1946.

Directly associated with this fact is another which occurred again and again, and which deserves to be recorded here: the feeling of belonging together became manifest in this, that on every occasion where circumstances permitted, it was the desire and the wish of those concerned that marriage ties within the family should be blessed by the sole member of the family who was called to be a priest in the Capuchin Order in 1914. And so it developed that from 1914 on, two brothers, two sisters and 21 nephews and nieces had their weddings solemnized by their priest brother (uncle) through the 45 years which have since elapsed. Were it not for the restricted liberty of action to which Capuchins - and all religious - are held, the number of these occasions would be even larger.

The first instance occurred just one week after the First Mass (June 9th, 1914) when Henry (Abler) and Theresa (Mihm) were united in marriage on June 16, 1914. From that day forward, it seemed the accepted thing to extend the invitation to function in the same capacity at subsequent weddings. The number of occasions is impressive and deserves to be recorded in detail:

DATE	SPOUSES	RELATIONSHIP
June 16, 1914	Henry Abler & Theresa Mihm	Brother
October 5, 1916	Leo Abler & Regina Neis	Brother
November 23, 1923	Marie Abler and Anthony Fox	Sister

DATE	SPOUSES	RELATIONSHIP
October 14, 1924	Germaine Abler & Joseph Walber	Sister
June 8, 1938	Sylvester Abler & Mildred Lisowe	Nephew Phil's family
November 24, 1938	Ruth Abler & Bernard Calvey	Niece (Phil's family)
August 3, 1939	Vera Abler & Dr. Val Baus	Niece (Phil's family)
September 1, 1941	Mary Alice Abler & John G. Baus	Niece (Phil's family)
June 19, 1947	Doris Abler & Joseph Eiring	Niece (Phil's family)
February 5, 1949	Phyllis Abler & Richard Clark	Niece (Phil's family)
May 28, 1949	Gordon Abler & Verna Krebsbach	Nephew (Phil's family)
June 8, 1940	Georgene Abler & Herman Feldner	Niece (Henry's family)
November 8, 1945	Ramona Abler & Harold Kallmyer	Niece (Henry's family)
November 9, 1946	Margaret Abler & Leroy Tenwinkle	Niece (Henry's family)
March 16, 1943	Laura Mae Abler & Thomas Feldman	Niece (Leo's family)
June 22, 1946	Harold Abler & Elizabeth Kochanski	Nephew (Leo's family)
October 5, 1953	Eileen Abler & Eugene Sherman	Niece (Leo's family)
January 19, 1957	Anne Abler & Joseph McCabe	Niece (Leo's family)
May 29, 1943	Mary Esther Abler & Joseph Lotzer	Niece (Nick's family)
February 9, 1946	Vernon Abler & Elizabeth Schrage	Nephew (Nick's family)
August 29, 1953	Elizabeth Abler & Howard C. Smith	Niece (Nick's family)
September 10, 1949	Paul Robert Abler & Geraldine Butler	Nephew (Herman's family)
July 2, 1949	Beatrice Walber & Laverne Pickart	Niece (Germaine's family)
June 13, 1959	Alphonse Walber & Marion Weitekamp	Nephew (Germaine's family)
October 22, 1953	Cyrilla E. Abler & James Back	Niece (Ben's family)

128 W. Burleigh St.
Milwaukee, Wis.

April 25, 1959

Dear Folks:

By now it is fairly certain that the STORY OF OUR FOREFATHERS once the material has been assembled - will run into more than 50 single-space, typewritten pages.

Many persons have helped to furnish the information contained in these pages. One may therefore be quite certain that an even larger number of people will be eager to secure a copy of the completed work.

However, I can't tell as yet, how soon the task will be done because I am still waiting for information from persons who have not yet been heard from and I still hold fast to the hope of receiving such information. I should hate to have to give up that hope, for it would mean that certain unsightly "gaps" would appear in the family listings.

While waiting for reactions to my inquiries I have obtained some estimates on the cost of getting this story into the hands of our people and I believe it is time to find ways and means for facing the cost.

To date the most reasonable proposal for 500 copies of 50 pages (single-space, typewritten pages) done by "OFFSET" will cost $200.00. But before giving the "Go" signal I must know the answer to several questions:

(1) How many copies would you wish to have?

(2) Could you find out from those interested in the project how many persons would be prepared to invest one dollar per copy.

(3) I should like very much to have an individual photograph of NICHOLAS ABLER, his wife ELIZABETH, GRANDPA STEPHANY and his wife MARGARET as part of the job. Do you have a print of either one of these four persons, which could be reproduced? If so, would you be willing to lend them for the purpose?

Once I know what the cost will be, how many copies are desired and how to raise the necessary funds I will be in a better position to say, what will actually be done.

Please be sure and send in your reply soon. And if you have any criticism to offer do it now, please. By the end of June I expect to have all the information I can hope to receive, and proceed with the printing.

Hoping I hear from you soon.

I am sincerely yours,

(CYPRIAN ABLER O.F.M.CAP.

128 W. Burtleigh St.
Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin

June 10, 1959

Dear Folks:

When I wrote you on April 25th last, I stated that the deadline for sending information regarding the story of our forefathers would be the end of June. I still hope to have all the pertinent information by that time. But it is time I wrote again and that for several reasons.

You will be glad to know, I am sure, that much valuable information has come to hand as a result of that appeal, and so I am persuaded that the present appeal will meet with equal success. Indeed, one of the chief reasons for this letter lies in the expectation that those who have not yet been heard from, may at last come through with the desired information.

Moreover, it is time I made a report to you on a few matters of mutual interest. In the first place I am pleased to say that, from a total of 28 responses I received requests for 112 copies of the booklet to be printed. In this I find a sufficient guarantee that eventually the demand created will suffice to cover the expenses, which must be met.

The booklet (9"x6") will be stitched and not merely stapled and the printer's charges will be $250.00 plus some incidentals. The story will have as its title: THE PIONEERING OF TWO FAMILIES AND WHAT CAME OF IT. Because the size was reduced from 11" x 8-1/2" the number of pages will increase proportionately. Four pictures will appear in its pages, viz. one each, of Nicholas and Elizabeth Abler, the family picture of Christian Stephany and the picture of my parents, Mathias and Catherine Abler, as of 1941.

The booklet will not be on sale. It will be given away to those who request it, but it stands to reason that an offering of one dollar should be sent in for each copy requested, i.e. once it is ready for distribution. You may know - you probably do know - that a Capuchin Friar has no money of his own and so he cannot enter into any business transaction without the proper permission of his superiors. Now, while that permission has been granted readily enough I must make sure lest I should embarrass the good will of my superiors.

To date I have received $40.00. Of this sum, $25.00 are donations; the balance goes towards covering the copies requested. Thank goodness, I do not need the money as yet and I am not making an appeal here and now. But, since I want to "lay the cards on the table" you ought to know the entire story.

What I am chiefly concerned about now is the matter of waiting. Even that would be no hardship if I knew the day and the hour when the news will break. The sooner I get the reports, the sooner I can tell the printer to G O A H E A D with THE PIONEERING OF TWO FAMILIES AND WHAT CAME OF IT!!!

Sincerely yours,

CYPRIAN ABLER, O.F.M.CAP.

128 Burleigh Street
Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin

November 16, 1959

Dear Folks:

Are you awaiting the announcement of the date when the PIONEERING OF TWO FAMILIES will be ready for distribution? Really, it was my fond hope and reasonable expectation to know by now just when the book would be ready for release, but I am sorry to have to say, that I struck a snag. The very reasonable quotation which the printer offered, was dependent - as I discovered - on whether other jobs would be crowding him; this meant that I could not be given any assurance that the job would be finished by the end of the year. For this reason I had to look for a more satisfactory proposal.

As of today, I look forward to the beginning of December as the deadline. If this turns out as anticipated I look upon the delay as a good omen, for it brings us right into the CHRISTMAS season and more than one of you will find in it the answer to the question: "WHAT SHALL WE GIVE TO JUNIOR - OR TO OUR UNCLE OR AUNT - FOR CHRISTMAS?" Wouldn't the book make a very appropriate Christmas gift? There is no doubt about it's being a "distinctive" gift and an easy way of letting go of a few dollars for the sake of those whose memory is being honored.

The enclosed title page tells its own story. It gives you the size of the book, the title as well as the symbolism of the story:

(a) The size will be 8" x 11".

(b) The title: THE PIONEERING OF TWO FAMILIES & WHAT CAME OF IT.

(c) The symbolism: On the original statuary figures, i.e. upon the base we find the words of Scripture: "Wherever you will go I will go; wherever you will lodge I will lodge. Your people will be my people and your God, my God; wherever you die I will die and there be buried." (RUTH1, 16-17) They are the words which Ruth - great-grandmother of King David - spoke to Noemi, her mother-in-law and they express the sentiments of those whose memory this book aims at keeping alive.

And so, if you will let me know by THANKSGIVING DAY, how many copies you wish to have I will know whether to place the order for 300 or 500 copies. And your donation will also be highly appreciated; but, should you not have the ready cash on hand it will be welcome at any time. (Those who have placed their order & sent their donation may skip this reminder.)

Yours in the spirit of T H A N K S G I V I N G

Fr. Cyprian

(Very Rev.) CYPRIAN ABLER O.F.M.CAP.

G O D B L E S S Y O U & Y O U R S!!!

128 W. Burleigh St.
Milwaukee, Wis.

December 5, 1959

Dear Folks:

At long last the project of compiling the genealogy, which is titled THE PIONEERING OF TWO FAMILIES AND WHAT CAME OF IT is completed and the book is in the process of being distributed. I trust it will be well received and treasured as one treasures an honored heirloom.

You may - rather you are likely to - discover errors, omissions and duplications in it. If so, be good enough to bring them to my attention; for, in this way corrections can, and will be made and a copy will be sent to each reader. I shall likewise be glad to add the names of any new arrivals - babies - who came upon the scene in 1959 and so bring the genealogy "up to date". Just let me know these facts and indicate the page where insertions are to be made. Corrections and addenda will also be inserted in the balance of the 500 copies still on hand.

With this I bow out of the picture and relinquish the role of author. It has been my fortune to be "in the middle" of things, not only in my status as a member of the Capuchin Order and - more precisely - as a member of the Province of St. Joseph; but also, I am in the middle of the history of the two families, whose courageous Pioneering has been traced in the pages of the book.

As a member of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, may I point to the fact that in 1957 we observed the centenary of the foundation of the province in America. I had occasion to note in the course of a sermon in Detroit that year, that my joining the Order coincided with the Golden Jubilee of the province in 1907. And I have lived to see - as the centenary was rounded out - that a marvelous growth is in evidence, for the province leads all other provinces the world over, in the number of theological students and novices.

Similarly - as I reflect on the history of my people -, i.e. since 1847 I am "in the middle" again; for, while I cannot say that I knew my great-grandparents, it was my good fortune to have known my grand-parents on my father's side as well as on my mother's side for at least 15 years. And today the grandchildren of my brothers and sisters as well as of my cousins, are crowding us out of the picture. Therefore, I "bow out of the picture"; but in doing so I protest that the writing of the story of THE PIONEERING OF TWO FAMILIES AND WHAT CAME OF IT has been its own reward to me and a great inspiration for me in the evening of life. It has staved off decrepitude and it was a genuine aid in "growing old gracefully." This all the more since - as I remarked in the course of the story: THE WORKING OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CAN BE TRACED IN THE HISTORY OF OUR FAMILIES, AS INDEED IT IS AT WORK AMONG ALL MEN.

And, if that were all I could expect as my reward for the labor involved: I T W A S W E L L W O R T H W H I L E!!!

MAY THE BLESSING OF GOD ALWAYS REMAIN WITH US.

CYPRIAN ABLER, O.F.M.CAP.

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